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CPCO Statement on New French-Language Strategy

TORONTO: The Catholic Principals' Council of Ontario (CPCO) commends the release of the Ministry of Education's new strategy for French-language education.

"Over the past three years, CPCO has been working closely with our partners to support the development of a new strategy for the recruitment and retention of French as a Second Language teachers," said CPCO President Blaine MacDougall. "This announcement marks a step in the right direction, addressing the ongoing shortage of French-language teachers, as well as ensuring future opportunities for students to access French-language learning."

"By creating more professional learning opportunities, greater access and flexibility to training programs, the Ministry of Education has seriously taken the recommendations emanating from the Working Group on Teacher Shortage in the French-Language School System," added MacDougall. "As educators and administrators, Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals are in full support of the implementation of this new strategy, and look forward to continuing our work in supporting the growth of French-language education in Ontario."

CPCO will continue working with our partners to support Catholic administrators in their efforts to create a diverse learning environment for all.

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CPCO represents 2,100 Catholic Principals and Vice-Principals, who lead over 1,300 schools in 29 Catholic district school boards in Ontario.

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