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## **Government of Canada supports Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan**

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**SASKATOON** – On behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, Maurice Vellacott, Member of Parliament (Saskatoon-Wanuskewin), today announced funding for Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan (CPF-SK) for its 2010-2011 programming. Through its activities, CPF-SK will work to increase public awareness of the value of both official languages in Saskatchewan and Canada. It will highlight the benefits of French-second-language (FSL) education and the available FSL education choices. CPF-SK will also provide opportunities for young people to learn about the French language and culture through extracurricular activities

"Our Government recognizes the importance of learning a second language to ensure the future of Canada's two official languages and to bring Francophones and Anglophones across the country together," said Minister Moore. "Acquiring skills in both French and English is a valuable resource, and opportunities to do so must be preserved for our future generations."

"Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan recognizes the value of learning French and gives young Canadians the opportunity to learn and use the language," said Mr. Vellacott.

"We are grateful for the support we receive from Canadian Heritage and, once again, we are pleased with the financial resources the Department is providing for us to continue doing our important work," said Karen Pozniak, CPF-SK Executive Director. "Most of the French-second-language programs are growing and thriving in Saskatchewan, and it is exciting to see the enrolment numbers go up year after year."

Canadian Parents for French - Saskatchewan was established in 1977 and is part of a national network of volunteers who value French as an integral part of Canada. It is a non-profit organization with a provincial scope whose activities target Saskatchewan youth, parents, and members. It also encourages its partners to develop policies and offer services to enhance the quality of FSL education opportunities.

The Government of Canada has provided funding of \$149,330 through the Promotion of Linguistic Duality component of the Enhancement of Official Languages Program. This program of the Department of Canadian Heritage aims to help organizations from various sectors undertake or continue activities that promote a better understanding or appreciation of linguistic duality and build stronger linguistic and cultural links among members of the two official-language communities.