




## Official Languages in Education Program (OLEP)

### Catch-up funding required

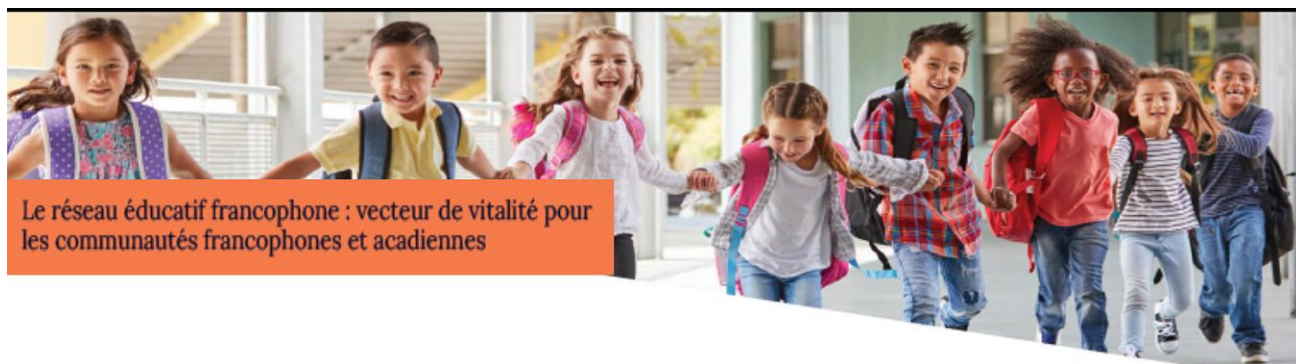
Over the past ten-plus years, the value of federal government funding provided to provincial and territorial ministries of Education has been eroded due to the cost-of-living increase and rising enrolments in French-language minority schools.

Consequently, as part of its official language obligations, the federal government **must** increase these funding envelopes, which have remained largely unchanged since 2009.

Below are actualized values for the \$749.8 million 2009-2013 agreement:

2009	\$5,221 per student		44% reduction
2013	\$4,726 per student		
2018	\$3,663 per student		
2023	\$2,910 per student		

### The next OLEP (2023-2028) valued at \$1,440.5 million



Considering the cost-of-living increase, actual federal investments in 2023 will be 35% lower than those of 2003: **a \$455 million funding deficit.** <sup>1</sup>

As well, in order to account for the increased number of students in our schools <sup>2</sup>, an additional 20% must be invested: **\$240 million in additional funding.**

The \$745.5 million 2018-2023 agreement + \$455 million for the cost of living + \$240 million for network growth = **a total of \$1,440.5 million for the 2023-2028 agreement.**

<sup>1</sup> Information taken from the brief [La croissance économique, gage de la compétitivité du Canada](#) (2018) by the Association of Colleges and Universities of the Canadian Francophonie (ACUFC)

<sup>2</sup> Some 174,000 students: an almost 20% increase in enrolments since 2010 - Statistics Canada, [Number of students in official languages programs](#)