



Regroupement national des
directions générales de l'éducation

Overview of activities for 2019-2020



The RNDGE is a national organization representing Directors of Education from Canada's 28 French-language school boards. Its actions are related to three key areas in education: pedagogy, administration and politics. The action and positioning plan of the organization entails closed links in regards to the national strategic plan for French-language education and the statements of principles on specificity, vitality and added value of French-language schools.

Short, medium and long term objectives : The action and positioning plan of the organization focuses among other things on professional development and networking.

Quarterly meetings: Held by phone, these meetings allow Directors of Education to exchange on themes of common interest. Meetings have been held on various issues such as violence in schools and school administrators well-being.

Annual summer professional development seminar : The 2019 edition held in Banff (Alberta) last August dealt with issues such as the impact on school staff of the legalization of cannabis, the challenge of enforcing school regulation against vaping, crisis planning and, the new framework for the francophonie in Alberta.

Key issues in French-language education:

- Follow-up on the Action Plan for Official Languages in regards to support initiatives for minority language education/ ensuring access to quality education in British Columbia (ruling from Canada Supreme Court on this issue expected this spring) /teacher recruitment strategies/ changes to the census form to better list right-holders.

Partnerships and support initiatives: The RNDGE offers administrative support to its members by sharing information and policies on topics of interest. The RNDGE has also helped to facilitate several partnerships between French-language school boards in Canada and French academies in France.

Initiatives to support students : New scholarships to recognize students perseverance, distribution of material on financial literacy, promotion of Canada Learning Bond and training workshops offered by l'Association canadienne d'éducation de langue française.

Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence French-language school boards are invited through their Directors of Education to submit candidacies to underline the exceptional work by teachers in French-language schools located in minority settings.

Perseverance awards : First edition in 2019. Three scholarships awarded to graduating students for their resilience. The initiative is meant to recognize students who've overcome hardship at school and managed to better themselves.

Minimag : Ontario's magazine *Minimag* is adapted and distributed nationally to students aged 4 to 7 in Canada's elementary French-language schools located outside the province of Quebec.

Committees : The RNDGE sits at the National Table on Education (twice a year meetings), the Tripartite Committee and its working groups, is a guest member at the Statistics Advisory Committee of Statistics Canada. The RNDGE also attends activities held by the Canadian Association of School Administrators.

