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PRESS RELEASE

CASLT encourages Canadian FSL teachers to integrate the *flamme de la francophonie* project into their lesson plans

Ottawa, August 17, 2009 – The Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) is proud to participate in the promotion of the Canadian *flamme de la francophonie* project as part of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games school-based activities. CASLT is asking all FSL teachers in Canada to integrate this project into their lesson plans and to actively take part in the *flamme de la francophonie* project starting this fall.

The *flamme de la francophonie* is a new pan-Canadian educational project that will shine across Canada as of September 2009. This major national initiative is the result of a partnership between the Canadian Foundation for Cross-Cultural Dialogue, Vancouver 2010 Education Programs, the Ontario Ministry of Education, as well as numerous other partners including the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers.

The project encourages learners of French as a second language to use French while offering them an opportunity to demonstrate their participation in Canada's linguistic duality. Students will be able to use French on topics of interest to them and proudly carry the *flamme de la francophonie*. More details on this “glowing” project can be found in the attached fact sheet. The teaching support guide can already be downloaded at the following URL address: www.flammefranco.ca

The Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games will bring together people from different cultural backgrounds and will offer numerous learning and discovery opportunities. They can also be a source of inspiration for students of all ages.

Join CASLT as we head back to school in September and be part of the official *flamme de la francophonie* launch!

Established in 1970, the Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT) increases awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the importance of second language learning and teaching throughout Canada and promotes the advancement of professional excellence among language educators. See www.caslt.org for more information.

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