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**Dear parents of French Second Language students,**

Following the distribution of DELF registration forms to students enrolled in French courses in the first semester, the French Programs unit has heard concerns regarding the length of time between the completion of a first-semester French course and the DELF exam in April. As DELF exams are internationally recognized, they take place on fixed dates around the world, which cannot be changed.

The DELF exam tests language competencies, rather than knowledge. There is less focus on spelling or verb conjugations: for example, students are not asked to learn a set of words or specific grammatical concepts. In the B2 exam, examinees are asked to take a position on an issue and defend an opinion. For B1, examinees are asked to convince someone on a subject, while for A2, they are asked to manage a day-to-day situation such as buying a gift for a friend or organizing a celebration. These language competencies acquired throughout their learning path should be retained a few months after their last class.

Students who wish to learn more about the DELF exam structure are encouraged to explore free preparation resources, such as those available on the DELF Canada website (<http://delf-dalf.ambafrance-ca.org/sample-subjects>).

Please note that registration for the DELF in Yukon will be open until March 31, 2017. Given that this date falls during the spring break, please return the completed form to your child's French teacher by March 17<sup>th</sup>, or send it directly to the Department of Education's French Programs unit after this date.

Sincerely,



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