

# A Few Words From Your NLTA Second Languages Council

## SECOND LANGUAGE TEACHERS NEED A SAY!

Starting October 8, the NLTA, the Faculty of Education and the NL Federation of School Councils will begin cross-province public consultations on the status of public education.

Teachers in general have the opportunity to speak and share about the best and the worst of teaching and learning in our province. It is very important that second language teachers also have a voice.

While we can present individually at these panels in our local region, it is also important that we submit a general document to the panel that expresses the needs, wants and achievements that exist in second language education.

Whether you teach core French in an elementary classroom, French immersion or you instruct on another language in our province, you are conscious of specific language learning needs your students have. You are aware of gaps in resources, cultural appreciation needs and programming changes which would extend the excellence of L2 teaching you're already doing.

The NLTA Second Languages Council is preparing a written submission to the Panel and we are requesting your input as a key person in the delivery of L2 programming in your school. You know what you need and by sharing it with us, we can include it in a document which represents all L2 teachers in our province.

Please share your thoughts in a return email to [launshoemaker@nlesd.ca](mailto:launshoemaker@nlesd.ca). **Please RSVP by October 4** to ensure your comments are represented in the Second Languages Council panel report. Your voice is urgently needed to guarantee that L2 teaching receives the attention and resources it deserves.

## SOME COOL RESOURCES AT NO CHARGE

**1jour1actu** is a site from Milan Presse offering articles on current

events in all domains. The articles are short and kid-friendly, but don't shy away from issues that are challenging. The 2-minute videos "1jour1question" are fun and interesting and the questions arrive from real 1jour1actu readers. ([1jour1actu.com](http://1jour1actu.com))

**Dans L'air du temps** is a free resource from Francolabs. Offering teachers music and culture from Canadian Francophones, Dans l'air du temps offers teachers over 30 songs and includes numerous activities for each song. The site also allows teachers to search resources by learner experience, theme or cultural aspect. ([danslairdutemps.ca](http://danslairdutemps.ca))

**Les Sombres Légendes de la Terre...** while definitely not for younger audiences, these Quebec based legends are interesting and provide a definite link to Halloween Festivities. The style of storytelling opens up opportunities for discussion on mood and atmosphere and the action is clear enough without the audio. ([www.youtube.com/channel/UCDsVHqITD-WJvoWnxI6IMGA](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDsVHqITD-WJvoWnxI6IMGA))

**Currents4kids.com** now offers its program in a French version – **Info-Jeunes**. If you or your school is already a member using the service, your username and password transfer easily to the new site. You can avail of the timely and topical information of currents for kids and also gain an understanding of reading comprehension with the quick and auto-graded "On the Lines" and "Between the Lines quizzes".

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST WELCOME!

The Second Languages Council has leadership positions open and welcomes expressions of interest for the positions of president and vice president. The SLC needs a good team with great ideas to bring new PD, share awesome resources and advocate for Second Language Teachers in our province. *You have lots to share!* Please RSVP to [launshoemaker@nlesd.ca](mailto:launshoemaker@nlesd.ca).

