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The Final Report on the CASLT Stakeholders Meeting is now available

Ottawa, May 31, 2011 – The report on the proceedings of the Stakeholders' Meeting that was held in Gatineau, Quebec, on March 11, 2011, is now ready and can be downloaded from CASLT's website at http://www.caslt.org/index_en.php. This document presents the participants' conclusions on a number of topics related to the implementation of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) in Canada, namely: *Teachers and administrators in the K-12 system; Integration of the CEFR in the K-12 curriculum; The Learner Portfolio; CEFR based tests; Post-secondary Education; Recognition and buy-in beyond the education sector; and, Enabling and challenging factors to the implementation of the CEFR*. The report also presents the four overarching recommendations agreed upon by the participants, which are:

1. A need for a regular opportunity or venue for pan-Canadian sharing and consultation, which would increase and facilitate further commonality in the implementation of CEFR-based activities.
2. Research on the multi-level implementation of CEFR-related activities is sorely lacking and should be a priority for university-based researchers, Ministries of Education and school divisions, and should also benefit from adequate funding and resources.
3. A pan-Canadian coordination effort should be undertaken to promote the organizations championing the CEFR in Canada – Educational leaders in Atlantic Canada, British Columbia and in Edmonton, parents and national organizations such as CASLT, ACPI, CPF, Canadian Heritage, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages and Council of Ministers of Education, Canada, and the Québec city Chamber of Commerce.
4. A proper financial strategy should be developed by provinces, territories and national organizations, to support the successful implementation plan of the CEFR.

The report also lists a number of priority actions for each of the topics addressed by the participants throughout the meeting. To download the report, visit website at http://www.caslt.org/index_en.php.

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