

Discours pour la remise de la ceinture fléchée fransaskoise aux finissants du programme d'immersion française de la Chinook School Division, lors de la Cérémonie des finissants le 26 juin 2025 à Swift Current

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Ladies and Gentlemen, dear parents, staff members, and above all, *chers finissants*,

It's with great pride that I speak to you today on behalf of the Fransaskois community, as Executive Director of the Société historique de la Saskatchewan.

Today marks a historic moment — for you, for this school, and for the entire French-speaking community of the province. And even more, it's a moment of national significance. For the first time in Canada, graduates of a French Immersion program will be formally recognized with the Fransaskois Sash. This is not just an accessory — it's a powerful symbol. A sign of your commitment to the French language, your cultural openness, and your connection to a living and evolving heritage.

The arrow sash, once proudly worn by Voyageurs, Métis, settlers, and now by the youth, represents the weaving of identities, cultures, and journeys. By putting it on, you too become weavers of the Francophone future in Saskatchewan.

You have completed a challenging path — and you did so in two languages. This gives you a unique richness, a valuable perspective, and a responsibility: to make the French language shine, wherever life takes you.

Au nom de la communauté fransaskoise, je vous félicite chaleureusement. Soyez fiers de qui vous êtes. Soyez fiers de ce que vous portez. Et n'oubliez jamais que vous êtes maintenant, vous aussi, des ambassadeurs de notre histoire, de notre langue et de nos cultures.

Merci et bravo à tous.

Thank you, and congratulations to all of you.