



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Provincial (FSL) French as a Second Language Public Speaking Event**

“*Le concours / festival d'art oratoire* is an annual public speaking event for students in grades four through 12 studying French-as-a-Second-Language in Ontario schools.

*Le concours / festival d'art oratoire* is an opportunity to integrate public speaking into regular classroom activity and to involve community members outside the classroom for judging and administration of classroom and school level events.

With the current emphasis on voluntarism in education, *le concours / festival d'art oratoire* presents new opportunities for teachers, administrators and secondary students to become involved.

The District School Board of Niagara is holding their Board wide competition for the Elementary Grades 4-8 students **Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> in the Boardroom at the Education Centre** from 9am -3pm. The Secondary FSL Grades 9-12 students will be competing **Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Boardroom at the Education Centre** from 9am-3pm. The winners from each category from Grades 4-12 will go on to compete at the Provincial Level in Core French, Extended French, French Immersion and FSL plus .

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Ontario **concours/festival d'art oratoire finals will be held May 12<sup>th</sup> 2007** at Glendon College of York University in Toronto.

Last year, more than 275 students from 29 different school boards registered at the provincial level. At the classroom level, approximately 20,000 students across Ontario took part in FSL public speaking.

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