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DSBN Provincial French Speaking Contest Winners

“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.

The DSBN had their Board wide competition for the Elementary Grades 4-8 students Tuesday March 20th and the Secondary FSL Grades 9-12 students on Thursday March 22nd. The 16 winners overall from each category from Grades 4-12 competed at the Provincial Level in Core French, Extended French, French Immersion and FSL plus at the 23rd annual Ontario concours/festival d'art oratoire finals on May 12th 2007 at Glendon College of York University in Toronto.

This 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.

Winners from grades 11 – 12 go on to compete at the National competition in Ottawa. Winners at the National level receive a four-year \$20,000 scholarship to the University of Ottawa.

We wish our DSBN FSL students Bonne Chance at the Nationals. Brett Soderhom, grade 12 at Sir Winston Churchill won the provincials in Extended French. He will now move on to the Nationals in Ottawa. Anna Simiganochi, grade 9 student at Sir Winston Churchill won in the French as a Second Language category.

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