

Unqualified teachers



Re: 'Demand For French Immersion Forces School Boards To Hire Unqualified Teachers' (Feb. 14): If the demand for French immersion teachers cannot be satisfied, it is irresponsible to address the problem by hiring unqualified teachers, who, in some cases, "can speak French only slightly better than the students." This cheats not only the students, but also the taxpayers.

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French immersion programs have been ubiquitous in Canadian schools for decades. By now, thousands of students who were the product of French immersion education have graduated and entered the work force. But in 2019, school boards across the country can't find teachers fluent in French and are settling for "educators who can speak French only slightly better than their students." It might be time to take a hard look at the 'success' of French immersion.

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