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## **SASKATOON TO HOST PROVINCIAL CONCOURS D'ART ORATOIRE**

Saskatoon, 25 April 2005 - On Saturday April 30, approximately 75 students from across Saskatchewan will be competing in the Provincial Final of **Concours d'art oratoire**, a French public speaking competition.

Over 4000 students in French immersion and core French programs from kindergarten to grade 12 have competed within their own schools. Winners then participated in a school division competition. Grades 6-12 divisional winners have the opportunity to compete this Saturday for the provincial title. Provincial winners at the grade 11-12 level will win an expense paid trip to Ottawa to compete in the national finals, where the winners will be awarded University of Ottawa bursaries for a total cost of \$100,000.

"It is also important to note that this event is such a big success because of the several dedicated volunteers." Remarks Chris D. Guérette, Executive Director of CPF-SK. Approximately 30 volunteers will be present on Saturday, along with the support of numerous parents, teachers, members and partners who are dedicated to linguistic duality and bilingualism for all Saskatchewan youth.

Concours d'art oratoire is hosted by Canadian Parents for French. The objective of the competition is to stimulate the interest of English-speaking students in the learning of French. Researching, preparing, writing, memorizing and delivering speeches are activities that contribute to the development of language skills that will benefit them now in becoming functionally bilingual, as well as throughout their lives.

The competition will begin at 1:00pm with the awards ceremony beginning at 4:30pm at Holy Cross School, (2115 McEown Avenue).

*Canadian Parents for French – Saskatchewan (CPF-SK) is the provincial network of volunteers which values French as an integral part of Canada and that is dedicated to the promotion and creation of French-second-language learning opportunities for young Canadians.*

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