

# INTERNATIONAL and HERITAGE LANGUAGES ASSOCIATION (IHLA)

## Memorandum of Understanding

2023-2024

*Prior to 1977, heritage language schools operated in isolation. The Canadian Consultative Council on Multiculturalism offered heritage language schools to participate in a conference attended uniquely by and for heritage language school teachers. Once teachers in schools discovered that their challenges and rewards were similar across schools regardless of the languages they taught, they decided to continue to learn from one another and the IHLA was born. The tradition of learning from each other continues to this day.*

### What IHLA offers its members:

1. IHLA supports **heritage language students** with our annual MLD and our annual MLD Book.
2. IHLA supports our **volunteer, internationally-trained, and Canadian-trained teachers** with professional development opportunities, curriculum support, the IHLA Newsletter, and career support and advice.
3. IHLA supports **language school leaders** by offering a mentorship programme, professional development and networking, advertisement, and support with developing a locally-developed curriculum.

### Qualifications for the year end IHLA funding:

- Schools and staff have paid their professional association dues to IHLA
- School representatives attended at least 2 PD sessions
- Schools submitted entry for the MLD showcase display table
- Schools submitted entry in the MLD day stage performance or volunteered at MLD
- Schools submitted student works for the MLD book
- School leadership representative (principal and/or school administrator) attended at least 2 meetings
- Schools participated at the AGLC casino fundraiser by sending at least 2 school members to work the casino shifts
- *Optional.* School participates in IHLA public showcase and representation (July/August).
- *Note: this requirement will not be included in the funding formula for the 2023-24 fiscal year.*

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**We have read the Memorandum of Understanding and agree with the statements above.**

School name:

Name of person filling out this form (*please print*):

Position in the organization/school:

Signature:

Date:

*Email or send form to the IHLA Program Coordinator, Grace Alarcon-Isla ([coordinator@ihla.ca](mailto:coordinator@ihla.ca))*

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