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Card for Elizabeth Montes- Gar...

Hi Janice! I just

received this message from Gail McCoy. I guess they got confused and they send it to me.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Staffing International Language Programs in Basic Education

1. What is the nature of the shortage of international language teachers in your jurisdiction?

We have been able to meet our teacher needs. The number of available candidates who are capable of delivering the language requirements while also being able to present a high calibre teaching craft appears to be limited.

2. In which languages is there a shortage?

Uncertain.

3. At what level (elementary, junior high, senior high) is there a shortage?

We only provide FSL or French Immersion at the elementary and middle years levels. The other languages are presented within the High School program.

4. How many new international language teachers are needed each year for the next five years in your school jurisdiction?

There is a very real possibility of no hirings being required. Perhaps one or two.

5. How is your school jurisdiction currently addressing this shortage?

Not concerned at the moment.

6. What have been issues in obtaining teacher certification for your international language teachers?

When we have been in this position, we have had difficulties in securing certification.

7. What are possible solutions to any shortage of international language teachers in your school jurisdiction?

Encouraging language development within the cohort of Alberta students. This may require some investment in travel and schooling opportunities in other countries.

8. What types of policies would effectively address the shortage?

Funding and commitment to the need and necessity of second language development.

9. How can we best prepare international language teachers for the future?

Investing in our students in Alberta.
 Recruiting in foreign countries (selection requires careful screening)
 Working in teams of 2-3 teachers - membership includes foreign teacher, locally teacher trained in a second language.