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British Columbia Government Eliminates Tuition Fees

Vancouver – The BC government announced on Tuesday, August 8 that EAL programming (English as an Additional Language often referred to as English as a Second Language) will be tuition free as funding is being restored. Follow up with the Ministry of Advanced Education Skills and Training confirmed that this policy refers specifically to domestic students enrolled in post-secondary EAL.

BC Teachers of English as an Additional Language (BC TEAL) is strongly supportive of this change. Members of the BC TEAL Policy and Action Advisory Committee have worked toward this over the past few years including past meetings with relevant ministry officials and press releases asking for restoration of funding.

We know that this funding will open the doors for these individuals to gain the language skills necessary to pursue further post-secondary studies in British Columbia. The economic and social benefits to British Columbia are significant and as the professional association representing English Language educators in BC, BC TEAL is strongly supportive of this.

BC TEAL is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017, and formed in 1967 is the oldest EAL professional Society in Canada. The Association works to advance the profession of teaching English as an additional language in B.C. through professional development and research, organisational development, promotion of standards, advocacy and representation.

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