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**SEN. LAFLEUR ANNOUNCES TWO NEW FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOLS  
SET FOR EVANGELINE PARISH**

**SPECIAL LAUNCH CEREMONY SET FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>  
IN VILLE PLATTE**

State Senator Eric LaFleur along with Representative Bernard LeBas will join Evangeline Parish School officials and a number of special guests Wednesday, May 24, 2017 at the Ville Platte High School Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. to celebrate the launch of two new French immersion schools – one at Ville Platte Elementary and the other at Mamou Elementary. Others expected to attend are Louisiana Superintendent of Schools John White, Consul General of France Grégor Trumel, and Council for the Development of French in Louisiana (CODOFIL) Director Bill Arceneaux. Governor John Bel Edwards and Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser have been invited to attend.

“The establishment of these two schools is another step in achieving CODOFIL’s mission to have a French immersion school in every parish in Acadiana,” Sen. LaFleur said. “ With these immersion schools, we provide better education opportunities and at the same time help to preserve our Cajun Creole culture.”

Sen. Lafleur is president of the Louisiana section of the L’Assemblée Parlementaire De La Francophonie, an organization of French speaking members of parliament in North America. He is a long-time advocate of foreign language immersion schools and their positive impact on student achievement in all areas of study.

**French Immersion Schools Launch Celebration**

**Wednesday, May 24, 2017**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Ville Platte High School Auditorium**

**210 West Cotton Street**

**Ville Platte, LA**

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