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French Embassy Director Presents Brooklyn Immersion School with Award for Excellence in French Education

Brooklyn, NY, [February 26, 2020] A Brooklyn French and Mandarin immersion school has been awarded a prestigious seal for excellence in French language education. The Director of Educational Affairs of the French Embassy in the United States Mathieu Ausseil presented Science, Language & Arts International School (SLA) with the seal and diploma from AEFÉ (Agency for French Education Abroad) for providing outstanding education in French.

The "LabelFrancÉducation" seal is granted to schools outside of France that promote French language and culture as part of their curriculum. SLA Head of School Jennifer Wilkin accepted the diploma and seal from Ausseil, who traveled from Washington, DC, and was accompanied by Fabrice Jaumont, the Education Attaché of the French Embassy in New York, and Edith Boncompain, the Vice President of Education at the French Institute Alliance Française (FI AF).

SLA hosted its distinguished visitors at a celebratory event and tour that included student performances, French language poetry recitations, and a French book presentation.

Deputy Brooklyn Borough President Ingrid P. Lewis-Martin provided opening remarks for the celebratory event.

"I am amazed at what I just witnessed," she said after listening to 18 preschoolers sing songs in French. "To know that an institution of this magnitude and scale is housed in our very borough is awesome," she said. "We as Brooklynites, as Americans, and as New Yorkers accept and embrace other cultures. When children learn from a young age to speak another language it makes them feel more rooted and more grounded. I want to strongly encourage you to keep doing the work you do."

“I wanted to especially recognize our community for this achievement,” Wilkin said. “We call our brand of language immersion Scaffolded Immersion, and this is the scaffolding that we have in our community – our parents, our teachers, our staff, and our kids. Thank you all, you are all a part of this achievement, and I am so proud of it.”

The seal and diploma from AEFÉ has been awarded to almost 100 schools in over 60 countries in the world. To learn more about this designation, visit:

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Located 9 Hanover Place in the heart of downtown Brooklyn, Science, Language & Arts International School is an independent school focused on hands-on [science](#), [arts](#), and [math](#). SLA is committed to providing children with a rich and rigorous multilingual progressive education in French and Mandarin. As an anti-bias school, SLA admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin, gender identity, or creed and welcomes all to the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Learn more: <https://slaschool.org/about/>

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If you would like more information about the French or Mandarin immersion program at Science, Language & Arts International School, please contact Jennifer Wilkin at jwilkin@slaschool.org