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Re: French Immersion Accommodation Plan for Roméo Dallaire P.S.

Dear Parents of Students Currently in SK interested in FI,

In 2012, the Board completed a review of French as a Second Language (FSL), which included a long-term French Immersion accommodation plan for students. This plan outlined various grade configurations for the Board’s French Immersion programming:

- Single Track - French Immersion Grades 1-8
• Dual Track - English Grades JK-8 and French Immersion Grades 1-8
• Primary Dual Track (PDT) - English Grades JK-8 and French Immersion Grades 1, or 1-2, or 1-3

These program configurations allow the Board flexibility to address community needs and also continue to offer the French Immersion program to all who wish to enrol. This reflects the commitment of the York Region District School Board to facilitate equitable access to the FI program by avoiding lottery systems and other means of limiting enrolment.

Roméo Dallaire Public School has a growing French Immersion enrolment that will require Primary Dual Track (PDT) French Immersion program support to help accommodate students. The PDT French Immersion model is widely used in the Board. This year, there are 10 PDT schools in the Board offering the primary French Immersion program. The majority of these schools offer Grades 1-2 French Immersion, in addition to their own JK-8 English program.

Commencing next year (Sept. 2018), Grade 1 students in the RDPS catchment area who wish to enroll in French Immersion will attend either Nellie McClung PS or Roberta Bondar PS based on their residency location. In order to reduce the movement between schools for this cohort of students, they will remain at those respective schools in FI for both Grade 1 (2018-2019) and Grade 2 (2019-2020).

Table with 3 columns: School Year, Grade, Location. Rows include 2018-2019 (Grade 1), 2019-2020 (Grade 2), and 2020-2021 onward (Grade 3 onward).

Note:

- These students will enter RDPS for Grade 3 FI commencing in the 2020-2021 school year.
• Transportation will be available in accordance with Board Policy and Procedure #680.0, Student Transportation.

Further details will be shared at the French Immersion Parent Information Night in January (the specific date will be posted on the YRDSB website).

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