

November 23, 2017

Dear Families,

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) introduced the French Immersion (FI) program, beginning with Grade 1, in September 2013. The FI program is one component of the SCDSB's French as a Second Language (FSL) program. At that time, the board identified which schools would offer the program to ensure fair access to students from across Simcoe County. In order to maintain this fair access, the FSL program must be reviewed on a regular basis to help balance enrolment and to minimize impacts on home school student populations.

A Program Review (PR) was approved by the SCDSB Board of Trustees for our school. This review was conducted to ensure balanced enrolment at our schools. Parents and members of the community were invited to provide feedback on the proposed changes at a public meeting in October, or by contacting the SCDSB directly.

On November 22, 2017, the SCDSB Board of Trustees voted in favour of splitting the FSL program between Mundy's Bay PS and Huron Park PS.

What does this mean?

- Beginning in September 2018, Grades 5-6 FI students (currently in Grades 4-5) will move from Mundy's Bay Public School to Huron Park Public School
- Students in the Extended French as a Second Language (EFSL) program will remain at Mundy's Bay Public School until the program is phased out
- In the coming two years, Grades 7-8 FI will be phased in at Huron Park Public School as the current Grades 4-5 students advance through the program
- When fully phased in, Mundy's Bay Public School will accommodate Grades 1-4 of the FI program and Huron Park Public School will accommodate Grades 5-8 of the FI program

Schools will coordinate transition activities for students as they prepare to move to their new school community. Families affected by this decision will receive communication from their school and the Simcoe County Student Transportation Consortium later this year. I invite you to contact me at 705-734-6363 x11397 with any questions or comments you have.

Sincerely,

Stuart Finlayson
Superintendent of Education