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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 program must be reviewed on a regular basis to help balance enrolment and to minimize impacts on home school student populations.

The SCDSB Board of Trustees has approved a Program Review (PR) of the FSL program currently located at Mundy's Bay Public School. The review will examine splitting the FSL program, with some grades attending Mundy's Bay Public School and the others attending Huron Park Public School. All students in the English program would continue to attend their home school.

More information will be shared in the fall once the review begins. A public information session will be held during the 2017-18 school year to address parent questions and get feedback on the proposed changes.

Further information is included in the SCDSB's 2016-17 Capital Plan. You can view it online at www.scdsb.on.ca under 'Board' and 'Capital Planning'. Click on the Capital Plan 2016-17 link. I will continue to keep you informed as decisions are made regarding the review.

Sincerely,

Stuart Finlayson
Superintendent of Education