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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may be aware, a French Program Advisory Committee was struck in 2007/08 to address issues related to the demand for K-8 French Programs in Ward 15. Based on recommendations from the Committee, several changes were approved for implementation in September 2009. At the same time, TDSB proposed a phase out of the G7 entry point to Extended French programs, effective September 2012, because every student now has guaranteed access to a French Immersion Program in SK or a French Extended Program in Grade 4. A summary of the changes to French Programs for students living in Ward 15 is provided below:

SK French Immersion (FI)

- a) Reduce SK FI enrolment to two classes at Jackman and Withrow to improve balance between the French/English streams
- b) Add a class to the new SK FI program at Duke of Connaught
- c) Adjust boundaries as outlined below:
 - Jackman: feeder schools for 09/10 include Wilkinson and Jackman
 - Withrow: feeder schools for 09/10 include Frankland, Dundas, Pape, and Withrow
 - Duke of Connaught: feeder schools for 09/10 include Blake, Bruce, Leslieville, Morse, and Roden

Grade 4 French Immersion/Extended (FI/FE)

- a) Continue existing G4 FE Programs at Diefenbaker and Duke of Connaught
- b) Add a new Grade 4 FE Program at Wilkinson for September 2009
- c) Continue to offer Grade 4 FI at Wilkinson
 - Diefenbaker: feeder schools for 09/10 include RH McGregor, William Burgess and Diefenbaker
 - Duke of Connaught: feeder schools for 09/10 include Blake, Bruce, Leslieville, Morse, and Roden
 - Wilkinson: feeder schools for 09/10 include Dundas, Frankland, Jackman, Pape, Withrow and Wilkinson

Grade 7 French Extended (FE)

- a) Phase out entry point to G7 FE Programs at Earl Grey and Queen Alexandra in September 2012
- b) Maintain G7/8 FE Program at Earl Grey for students coming from the G4 FE Program at Wilkinson
- c) Maintain G6/7/8 FE Program at Cosburn for students coming from the G4 FE Program at Diefenbaker

We will be holding a meeting on **Wednesday, January 14th from 7-8pm, at Wilkinson P.S.** (one block north of Danforth on Donlands) to provide an overview of these changes and to answer any questions you may have. While all are welcome, **it may be of particular interest to parents of students presently in G3 and below** as they will be directly impacted by the proposal to phase out of the G7 entry point to French Extended programs.

Sincerely,

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Jill Worthy
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Cathy Dandy
Trustee, Ward 15