



Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

RE: 2012 REGISTRATION FOR EXTENDED FRENCH

Any student who is eligible to attend a Dufferin-Peel Catholic school and who is presently a Grade 4 student is eligible to enroll in the Extended French program for Grade 5 in September, 2012.

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board offers the Extended French program at the schools listed on the reverse side. Transportation is provided for eligible students in the program *if they attend the centre designated for their region*. (Both transportation and Extended French Centre locations are subject to board annual review and therefore subject to change.)

The Extended French program starts in Grade 5 with 50% of the program taught in French. The subjects taught in French are: *French Language, Social Studies, Science* and one of *Visual Art, Music, Drama or Physical Education*. The grades 5, 6, 7 and 8 Extended French programs lead into Extended French at the secondary level. There is a sequence of four courses in *Extended French Language Arts* and another three courses taught in French (*Géographie* in Grade 9, *Histoire* in Grade 10 and *Les Grandes Religions* in Grade 11). In order to obtain a certificate in Extended French, successful completion of all seven credits is required. This program offers an excellent opportunity for becoming functionally bilingual in later years and has been found to be very successful. Over 300,000 students are enrolled in Extended French or French Immersion annually across Canada. More detailed information will be available at parent(s)/guardian(s) meetings to be held at all Extended French locations. **The dates are listed on the reverse side. Please mark these dates on your calendar.**

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Completed applications, containing all required documentation, will be accepted at the Extended French school office over a period of two weeks following the parent/guardian information meeting, up to a deadline of 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) will be expected to complete the requirements of obtaining signatures and comments through contact with the classroom and FSL teaching staff and the school administration. The student wishing admission will also continue to participate in the process through submission of his/her section, stating why Extended French is his/her wish. In this way, participation in Extended French will continue to be through an informed choice. A copy of the application will be given to the parent(s)/guardian(s) at the time of submission. There will be no numbering of applications.

LOTTERY PROCESS

A lottery will be held at a pre-determined and advertised date if, and only if, the number of applications received at the school exceeds the places available. In other cases, all children will be placed. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are urged to attend the Information Meetings or to contact the principal of the Extended French school for more details.

Sincerely,

Sheila McWatters
Superintendent of Program

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