



# Proposed changes to the FSL Program


in the Upper Grand District School Board

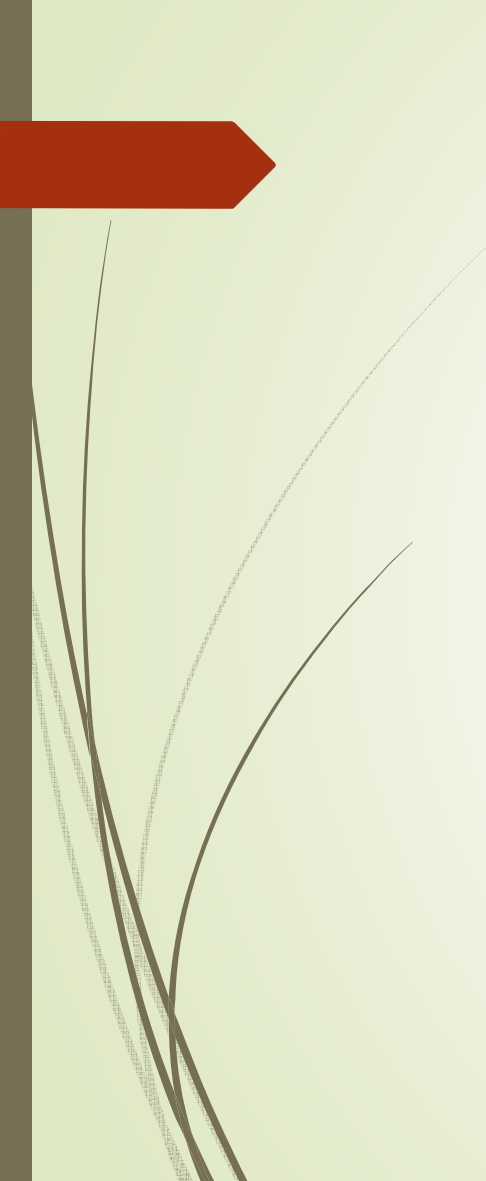


# Where to find the Report of the French Review Committee

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- ▶ History of French Immersion
  - ▶ Why are we examining FSL in the UGDSB
  - ▶ Recommendations from Report of French Review Committee 2015
  - ▶ Questions & Discussion



## History of French Immersion

It started in the Wellington County Board of Education in 1974.

First classes were offered at what is now King Edward Condominiums on Suffolk Street in Guelph.

There were also sites in North Wellington, Centre Wellington and Erin.


**UPPER GRAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**IMMERSION FRENCH**  
**ENROLMENT -- 1974-2000**

Grade	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Average
K	118	170	185	190	215	227	229	232	259	243	310	293	298	305	334	327	309	267	255	214	270	275	238	252	239	264	245	250
1	94	105	142	166	161	180	196	204	207	214	223	272	258	287	274	320	305	267	246	225	196	247	246	235	234	212	233	220
2		86	95	135	148	152	162	173	189	182	208	197	242	253	277	248	267	271	241	210	209	183	235	222	213	205	198	200
3			77	88	125	138	143	158	158	169	181	191	191	221	235	266	225	259	269	218	195	217	162	224	209	202	198	189
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TOTAL	212	361	499	654	806	958	1096	1232	1398	1439	1668	1827	1940	2086	2260	2421	2475	2434	2434	2413	2362	2313	2279	2319	2265	2061		1700



# Reasons for the Review

- ▶ How to manage the growth in French Immersion, hire French teachers, and make efficient use of space.
- ▶ Exploding JK F.I registration at Edward Johnson flagged this as urgent for September 2015.
- ▶ There was no more room for portables on the site.
- ▶ Edward Johnson Attendance Area was divided and part was assigned to Tytler P.S. holding for the new Couling Crescent School which is currently being built.

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- ▶ F.I. JK Enrolment continues to grow.
  - ▶ Pressure points in Guelph and Orangeville but other areas of the UGDSB are trying to develop their F.I. Program.
  - ▶ Newly established Rockwood F.I. Program in September 2015.
  - ▶ Shelburne would like to start an F.I. Program in Dufferin.





# The Main Recommendations

- Some recommendations to do with hiring and Human Resources have already been approved by the Board.
- JK be the only entry point for F.I. students
- JK enrolment cap be applied through a random selection process
  - Cap to vary depending on the school and location
- Reduction in French Immersion Instructional time
  - JK-2 at present 100% to go to **84%**
  - 3-4 at present 80% to go to **68%**
  - Gr 5 at present 75% to go to **68%**
  - Gr 6 at present 70% to go to **50%**
  - Gr 7-8 stays the same at **50%**



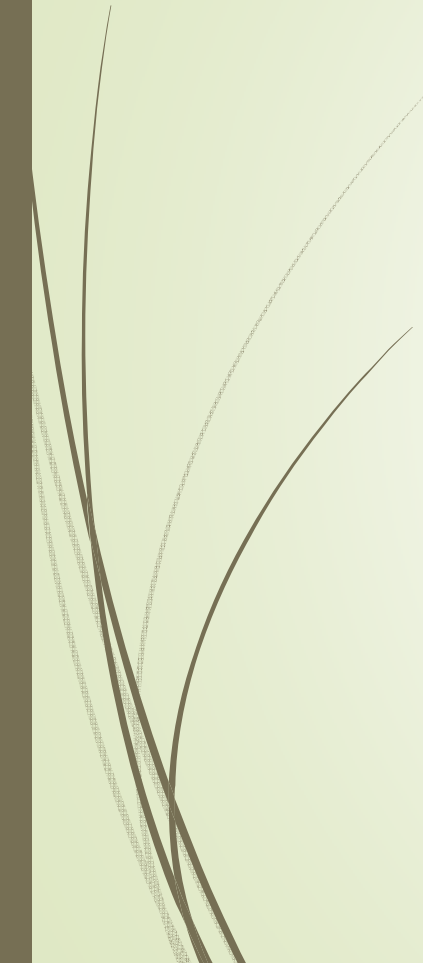


## Other points to consider

- There will be regular monitoring of F.I. enrollment.
- French immersion retention rate be monitored and reported in the Identified Schools Report.
- The enrolment cap be reviewed no later than December 31, 2019 and every 5 years henceforth unless there are other indicators that it needs to be reviewed sooner.
- UGDSB will explore the concept of starting Core French in Grade 1 to see if this will be effective in reducing F.I. enrolment.



# Where do we go from here?

- ▶ 4 community meetings have been arranged in various parts of the Board
    - ▶ North Wellington Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Wellington Heights 7 p.m.
    - ▶ Centre Wellington Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, at Centre Wellington DHS 7 p.m.
    - ▶ Dufferin Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at Westside DHS 7 p.m.
    - ▶ Guelph Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at Centennial 7 p.m.
    - ▶ Decision will be made in May 2016 for implementation in September 2017.
  - ▶ Please contact your local Trustee with your thoughts. If you don't speak up, it will assumed you are in favour of these changes.
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## Questions we would like to ask you:

- ▶ Do you have French First Language rights
- ▶ What is your vision for the future of French Immersion
- ▶ What are your thoughts on an accessible French Immersion program
- ▶ What are your thoughts on the reduced number of minutes of instruction
- ▶ Historically the Board has managed growth in the French Immersion program with Boundary and Accommodation Reviews; would you rather have CAPS applied or be required to move schools periodically?
- ▶ Discussion?



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**Thanks for coming!**