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## French Immersion Program Accommodation in Grand Erie

**Brantford ON:** The Board has recognized accommodation pressures from the growth in French Immersion program enrolment and will be consulting with the community about options to accommodate the growth. The French Immersion programs and the schools involved are as follows:

- **French Immersion Program in the City of Brantford:** École Fairview, École Dufferin, Burford District Elementary, Brier Park Public School, Cedarland Public School, Banbury Heights School and Branlyn Community School
- **French Immersion Program in the County of Brant:** Burford District Elementary School, École Fairview, École Dufferin, North Ward School, Cobblestone Elementary School, and Paris Central Public School
- **Secondary French Immersion Program:** Brantford Collegiate Institute & Vocational School, North Park Collegiate-Vocational School or Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School

**French Immersion Program Accommodation Considerations in the City of Brantford:** Implement a new dual-track program at Branlyn Community School for students residing in the Brier Park Public School, Cedarland Public School, Banbury Heights School and Branlyn Community School catchment areas. The initial program would include JK to Grade 2 to begin September 2016 and be expanded in future years by adding one grade per year.

Students in Grade 6, 7, and 8 currently at the Sky Acres Campus will join the JK to Grade 5 students in the newly redeveloped school on the Coronation school site. A renaming process will take place and students will be in the school for September 2016.

Establish a second French Immersion program at North Park Collegiate-Vocational School or Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School in September 2016. The current secondary school that offers the French Immersion program is at Brantford Collegiate Institute & Vocational School.

**French Immersion Program Accommodation Considerations in the County of Brant:** Accelerate the implementation of French Immersion program at Burford District Elementary School by adding Grades 5 and 6 in September 2016 and complete the implementation with Grades 7 and 8 added in September 2017. Beginning with September 2016, all County of Brant resident French Immersion students would be assigned to the French Immersion program provided in the County of Brant.

Amend the North Ward School and Cobblestone Elementary School boundaries to include the current catchment area of Paris Central Public School and assign French Immersion students from north Brant County to Paris Central Public School to make a single-track French Immersion school effective September 2016.

**French Immersion Enrolment Numbers:** The following is a list of schools and the enrolment numbers of the students participating in either the single- or dual-track French Immersion program: École Fairview, Brantford (Single-track) – 596; École Dufferin, Brantford (Single-track) – 467; Burford District Elementary School, Brant (Dual-track) – 145; Walsh Public School, Norfolk (Dual-track) – 170; and Caledonia Centennial Public School, Haldimand (Dual-track) – 132. The total French Immersion enrolment is 1,510.

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