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Información importante - Por favor traducir

معلومات مهمة - الرجاء الترجمة

重要な情報-翻訳してください

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September 22, 2020

Dear Douglas families,

We would like to update you on a change coming to the District's [Late French Immersion program](#). The Late French Immersion program is intended for non-French speaking students who wish to develop a high level of proficiency in French. Students are eligible to enter the program in Grade 6, and when they complete Grade 7, they have the option of continuing in French Immersion at secondary school.

The program currently operates out of Secord Elementary and Gordon Elementary schools. With the objective to maintain program enrolment and increase program reach, the District is initiating a phased relocation of the program from Gordon Elementary to Trafalgar Elementary and Douglas Elementary, in the 2021/22 school year. The program at Secord Elementary will not be impacted by this process.

The program relocation is due to catchment enrolment pressure at Gordon Elementary, which is unable to enrol all of its catchment students in kindergarten. Further enrolment growth is forecast from children living in the Gordon catchment. The District prioritizes the enrolment of in-catchment students over children who reside outside of the catchment, including those enrolled in District programs.

Why relocate to Trafalgar and Douglas Elementary schools?

Trafalgar and Douglas Elementary both have sufficient space to accommodate a cohort of Late French Immersion students. A phased relocation of the program to these two sites will help maintain current enrolment in the program and increase the program to three sites across the District.

Trafalgar Elementary is near the current site of Gordon Elementary, allowing families who have had long standing interest in the program the opportunity to continue to consider enrolment. Further, in providing an opportunity to enrol in Late French Immersion at Douglas Elementary, the District is increasing the equity of access to the program by establishing a site in the south east vicinity of the District.

When will the program begin at Trafalgar and Douglas Elementary schools?

Trafalgar and Douglas Elementary schools will begin enrolling Grade 6 students in September 2021. Students currently attending Grade 5 at either Trafalgar or Douglas that are interested in the Late French Immersion program are required to apply through the District program application process. There is no catchment priority afforded to either Trafalgar or Douglas students based on the program's location at the school site.

Information session

The District is committed to providing clear, timely and transparent information about the program relocation process. You are invited to attend a virtual information session.

October 7, 2020 at 5pm	Via a Microsoft TEAMS meeting Details on how to join at: GoVSB.ca/Late-French
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Survey

If you are unable to attend the virtual information session, please take the opportunity to share your comments and questions with the District in a short online survey at GoVSB.ca/Late-French

The survey will be open **October 7 - 21**.

Application Process

Applications for all grades 1 - 6 District programs are accepted November 1 - January 31. Please visit the District website for information about [District programs](#). Details about [information sessions](#) on each of the programs are also available on the website.

Sincerely,

Chris Stanger, Director of Instruction

Cc: Jody Langlois, Associate Superintendent