



York Catholic District School Board

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Elizabeth Crowe
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October 31, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Changes to the Transportation of New Siblings of French Immersion Siblings

Theresa McNicol
East Gwillimbury/
Georgina/Newmarket

This letter is intended to communicate and clarify changes to the transportation that will be provided for siblings of French Immersion students beginning next school year (September 2017).

Carol Cotton
Chair
Markham
Area 1, Wards 1, 2, 3, 6

At the regular meeting of the Board, held on September 27, 2016, the Board of Trustees approved the following motion:

That effective September, 2017, the York Catholic District School Board will no longer provide transportation to new siblings of French Immersion students.

Marlene Mogado
Markham
Area 2, Wards 4, 5, 7, 8

In September, 2017, for families in the French Immersion program, this means that:

- Transportation to a French Immersion school will not be provided to new siblings who wish to begin attending an English track class in a French Immersion school because they will have a sibling in the French Immersion program. This includes new siblings entering Kindergarten at the French Immersion school.
- Transportation will continue for French Immersion siblings, who are currently receiving this service.
- If a family wishes to have the sibling of a French Immersion student attend the French Immersion school, in the English track, without transportation, an Out of Boundary Application (TCH 19) will be considered, if classroom space permits.

Dominic Mazzotta
Richmond Hill

Ann Stong
Richmond Hill

Teresa Ciaravella
Vaughan
Area 1, Ward 1

The Board of Trustees is committed to fiscally responsible fund management and the reduction of transportation costs is a necessary part of the budget process. The cost for the York Catholic District School Board to provide transportation service is done on a 'per rider' basis. In this current climate of budgetary constraints, the Board of Trustees made the difficult decision to remove transportation service for new siblings of the French Immersion Program. This decision also makes the transportation of French Immersion siblings consistent with the transportation available for the siblings of students in all other specialized or optional programs provided by the York Catholic District School Board.

Dino Giuliani
Vaughan
Area 2, Ward 2

Maria Marchese
Vaughan
Area 3, Ward 3

The York Catholic French Immersion program will continue to offer excellent educational programming to many students. The program is currently offered in fifteen elementary schools and the secondary program will begin in Markham in 2017 and in Richmond Hill, Aurora and Woodbridge in 2018.

Cathy Ferlisi
Vaughan,
Area 4, Wards 4, 5

For more information about the French Immersion program, please visit www.ycdsb.ca.

Carol Cotton
Chair of the Board