

## **Did You Know Our Elementary School Programming is Changing?**

In June 2016, after extensive parent, staff, student and public consultation, the Board of Trustees voted to change the delivery model for the early French Immersion (FI) program in the Halton District School Board.

### **What does this mean for elementary students?**

- Grade 2 will now be the entry point for the early French Immersion program at 100% intensity; meaning **ALL** subjects will be taught in French. The intensity will decline to 80% for Grade 3 where all subjects, except English language, will be instructed in French. The intensity will move to 50% for grades 4 through 8.

### **How is this different from the current early French Immersion model?**

- Students currently enter the early FI program in Grade 1 with 50% French intensity; meaning half of their subjects are taught in French.

### **When are these changes taking effect?**

- This new model will be effective in September 2018. Entry into Grade 1 of our current FI model will cease after the 2016/17 school year. As such, the 2017/18 Grade 1 cohort will be English program only. Please note that there will be **NO** Grade 1 English in our Single Track French Immersion schools. Single Track French Immersion Schools only exist in Oakville at this time. French Immersion Schools in Milton are Dual Track Schools.

There will be **NO** Grade 1 French Immersion program beginning in September 2017.

### **What does this mean for Robert Baldwin Public School?**

- Starting in September 2018, Grade 2 will be the new entry point for students enrolling in the early French Immersion program at our school. This program will start at 100% French language intensity and gradually decrease in intensity in subsequent years. This represents a change from the current model which is Grade 1 entry with 50% French language intensity.
- For the 2017-18 school year, all students in Grade 1 will be in a 100% English program, as there will no longer be a Grade 1 FI entry point.
- Students who are currently enrolled in FI at our school will continue with the 50% French language model until graduation in Grade 8.
- Until fully implemented, our school will have two streams of French Immersion; those in the current model (Grade 1 entry point) and those in the new model (Grade 2 entry point).
- Our English program students (except Kindergarten) will continue to be provided with Core French instruction.

### **Moving Forward**

For more information about the HDSB French Immersion model changes, please visit our website at [www.hdsb.ca](http://www.hdsb.ca). Information is found by searching "English and FSL Programming 2015-16"

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