



# MEDIA RELEASE

For immediate release  
September 29, 2015

---

## The Future of French Immersion in Grand Erie

**Brantford ON:** The Board of Trustees is considering recommendations to accommodate the future growth of French Immersion in various areas of the Grand Erie District School Board. Community awareness and consultation will begin in October.

“Interest continues to grow in the French Immersion programs,” said Carol Ann Sloat, Chair of the Board. “French Immersion program spaces have been expanded over the years in response to the enrolment pressures at École Fairview and École Dufferin, in Brantford. In 2011, Grand Erie expanded the French Immersion program into all areas of the Board to meet the growing interest.”

French Immersion considerations currently proposed in the following areas are as follows:

- **City of Brantford:** Implement a new dual-track program at Branlyn Community School; Reunite École Fairview SK to Grade 5 students with the Grades 6 to 8 students at the Sky Acres Campus into the newly redeveloped school on the Coronation school site; and establish a second French Immersion secondary program at North Park Collegiate-Vocational School or Pauline Johnson Collegiate & Vocational School.
- **County of Brant:** Accelerate the implementation of the dual-track French Immersion program at Burford District Elementary School and implement a single-track program at Paris Central Public School.

If these options are approved, French Immersion students currently enrolled in École Fairview and École Dufferin and who live in the catchment areas of Branlyn Community School, Banbury Heights School, Cedarland Public School and Brier Park Public School, will be assigned to Branlyn Community School. In addition, students who receive a French Immersion program in Brantford and who live in the County of Brant will be moved to the new French Immersion program offered at Paris Central Public School or Burford District Elementary School.

Community consultations will begin in the City of Brantford on October 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Joseph Brant Learning Centre and in the County of Brant on November 3, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Paris Central Public School.

“The recommendations were considered by the Board of Trustees and Senior Administration is prepared to present these options to the community,” said Jamie Gunn, Superintendent of Business Services. “As always, community consultation is our priority before a final decision is made by the Board of Trustees.”

-30-

Contact:

Shawn McKillop  
Manager of Communications and Community Relations  
905-978-1417

[www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)