



December 23, 2022

Dear Parents and Families,

We are writing to inform you that the French Immersion (FI) program planned for the new Huron Brigadoon Catholic Elementary School at 25 Beckview Drive in Kitchener will be delayed by one year.

Due to provincial shortages of staff who are qualified to teach French, the Board cannot confirm with certainty that staff will be available to support the FI program.

We know this decision will cause some disappointment. For this we apologize. Recruitment efforts will continue, and we are hopeful that staffing levels will improve in the coming year. A full complement of qualified French teachers may allow the board to offer French Immersion at the new Huron Brigadoon Catholic Elementary School in September 2024.

For those families who are still interested in applying to have their SK/Year 2 kindergarten students attend a grade 1 French Immersion program in September 2023, you may apply to St. Anne Catholic Elementary School in Kitchener via the standard lottery process.

For more information on the WCDSB French Immersion program, please visit:  
<https://www.wcdsb.ca/programs-and-services/fsl/>

We wish you and your family a joy filled and restful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in January.

Respectfully,

Paul Mendonca  
Superintendent of Learning

