



## Memorandum

To: Board of Trustees

From: Tracy Barill, Director of Education

Date: September 28, 2020

Subject: **Brooklin French Immersion Study Update**

Origin: Gerard Winn, Superintendent of Education  
Scott Grieve, Superintendent of Facilities Services  
Daniel Carlin, Manager of Planning, Admissions and Capital

## Recommendations

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board receive and file as information the report entitled Brooklin French Immersion Study Update dated September 28, 2020.”

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## Rationale

### Overview

On January 27, 2020 the Board of Trustees received the Long-Term Accommodation Plan 2020-2024 (LTAP) report and approved the guiding principles and actions to be undertaken. Within the LTAP report, staff was directed to undertake a French Immersion (FI) Consolidation study in Brooklin to combine the St. Leo CS and St. John Paul II CS programs.

This report provides the Board of Trustees with an update following the Board Report from April 27, 2020. Due to the circumstances around school reopening, there may be a delay in the proposed recommendation for a future location of the Brooklin FI program. The committee will reconvene in the fall to determine a realistic date to bring a recommendation forward.

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### **Update**

The Brooklin French Immersion Study Committee includes the following representatives:

Gerard Winn, Superintendent of Education – Whitby Family of Schools  
Scott Grieve, Superintendent of Facilities Services  
Ryan Putnam, Superintendent of Business  
Daniel Carlin, Manager - Planning, Admissions and Capital  
Jackie McVeigh, Senior Manager - Human Resource Services  
Kelly Mechoulan, Chief Administrative Officer, Durham Student Transportation  
David Malleau, Principal – St. Leo Catholic School  
Stephanie Richard, Principal – St. John Paul II Catholic School  
James Tremblay, Principal – St. Bridget Catholic School  
Carol Caputo, French Language Consultant  
Jennifer Bastarache, Communications Officer  
Amanda Roffey, Communications Officer  
Luetasha Watkins, Operations Manager - Early Years and Childcare  
Jody Dale, Assistant Planner  
Lori Lane, Senior Administrative Assistant  
Cindy Boyd, St. Leo Catholic School Council  
Jane Lacey, St. Leo Catholic School - OECTA  
Lee-Ann McAllister, St. John Paul II Catholic School - OECTA  
Shelly Roach, St. John Paul II Catholic School - OECTA  
Kim Boyer-Miller, St. John Paul II Catholic School – OECTA (FI)  
Tim Brooks, St. John Paul II Catholic School - CUPE  
Christina Melick, St. Bridget Catholic School Council  
Pina Brannigan, St. Bridget Catholic School Council  
Linda McNeil, St. Bridget Catholic School - OECTA  
Bethany Summers, St. Bridget Catholic School - CUPE  
Melissa Cowen, OECTA Elementary President  
Kelly Mulville, ETFO President  
Rod King, CUPE President  
Lynn Brennan, YMCA

In accordance with the schedule, the committee met on the following dates:

- February 13, 2020 – at 650 Rossland Road from 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- February 20, 2020 – at 652 Rossland Road from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

In order to accommodate staff who had to remain at their school, or who chose to call in, remote access to the meeting was provided through Zoom.

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One public meeting was held on February 20, 2020 at St. Leo Catholic School from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at which 45 people were in attendance.

The next public meeting was scheduled to be held at St. John Paul II Catholic School on April 2, 2020, but was postponed due to COVID-19.

### **Communication**

The Durham Catholic District School Board is committed to an open and transparent process that allows for public input through a variety of means. Following approval of the Board Report staff set up the following for communication to be received by the Committee:

- A dedicated web page containing all the information  
<https://www.dcdsb.ca/en/our-board/Boundary-Reviews.aspx?mid=122365>
- A phone line at 905-576-6150 ext. 42252
- Email address [planning@dcdsb.ca](mailto:planning@dcdsb.ca)

### **Next Steps**

The committee will reconvene in the fall to re-establish meeting dates and format (virtual/in-person) for concluding the study.

Staff will continue to provide regular updates to the Board of Trustees regarding the progress of the Brooklin French Immersion Study in accordance with the mandate.

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