Perth Avenue P.S. Middle Immersion French Survey 2011

Dear Parent:

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) offers several ways for children to learn French in the primary grades. Perth Ave P.S. students currently take "core French" which is 40 minutes of French instruction per day beginning in grade 4. For parents who want their children to take more French than this, other programs are available but Perth students must go to other schools to take them.

A group of local parents is interested in seeing students have a choice for increased French language instruction while remaining at Perth Ave P.S. In partnership with the TDSB and Principal Janice Robinson, we are exploring the feasibility of introducing Middle Immersion French at Perth Ave P.S., possibly as early as 2013. "Middle Immersion" means students could choose to have 100% of their classes in French for grades 4 and 5, with mixed French and English in grade 6 and beyond. Students would choose in grade 3 whether they want to continue in English classes with core French, or to switch to the French Immersion option. If the program is implemented, designated school pathways would be developed to ensure Perth students can continue their French Immersion program to the end of secondary school.

The first step in assessing the feasibility is to survey parents of children who are in grades JK to 3 at Perth, or those with younger children.

Please note: You may have completed a similar survey in summer 2010. The response to that was insufficient to make a decision about the program so we need to collect the information again. Thank you for taking the time to complete this.

Responses will be kept confidential and in no way affect your child's future placement in any TDSB programs. Please only one survey per family.

Surveys can be returned in one of the following ways:

- To your child's classroom teacher at Perth Ave P.S.
- To the Perth Ave P.S. main office
- To the Dupont-Perth Library Branch located on Dupont Street at Franklin (either in person or in the drop box)
- Bring to the information meeting in November (details below)

Part 1 - Demographics

Family Name:		Postal Code:		
Years entering Grade 4 for each child in the family:				
Child 1:	Child 2:	Child 3:		
Child 4:	Child 5:	_		

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Part 2 - Interest in French Immersion

1. Are you interested in a French Immersion Program for your child?			
	YES	NO (proceed to Part 3)	
		ould you seriously consider enrolling your child in a Middle program at Perth Ave P.S. starting in grade 4?	
	YES	(proceed to Part 3) NO	
3.	If NO, ple	ease indicate why not:	
	a) la	m not interested in French Immersion for my child	
	b) I would prefer an early immersion program (SK start)		
	c) My child will attend the Catholic School Board		
	d) My	child will attend the French School Board or French Catholic	
	Sc	hool Board (Please specify school):	
	e) Ot	her (Please Specify):	
		y Additional Comments?	
		or responding. I information about this initiative is available at:	
		www.junctiontriangle.ca/perthps	
		n meeting will be held at Perth Ave P.S. on Monday November 7, D p.m. All are welcome to attend.	
	ou have qu	uestions about this issue or would like to get involved, please	
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