

Pine Grove French Immersion Survey

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CAREFULLY. Your responses will be used by the Pine Grove School Council to advise the Halton District School Board on preferences for French immersion programming given the possible closure of Pine Grove Public School. Before completing the questions, you may find it helpful to read the definitions on the back of this sheet.

- Where in West Oakville does your family reside? (check one)
 - West Oak Trails (north of Upper Middle, east of Third Line)
 - Westmount (north of Upper Middle, west of Third Line)
 - Glen Abbey East (between Upper Middle & QEW, east of Third Line)
 - Glen Abbey West (between Upper Middle & QEW, west of Third Line)
 - Southwest Oakville East (south of the QEW, east of Third Line)
 - Southwest Oakville West (south of the QEW, west of Third Line)

- Please indicate the number of children in your family in each category below:

	French imm	English	Catholic FI	Catholic Eng	Private/Other
Preschool	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Kindergarten	N/A		N/A		
Grades 1 - 6					
Grades 7 - 8					
Grades 9 - 12					

- In general, how would you prefer to have elementary French immersion delivered? (check one)

- a. In a single track French immersion centre
- b. In a dual track French immersion centre
- c. Undecided
- d. Doesn't matter

- Which scenario would you prefer? (check one)

- a. A large single track French immersion centre for West Oakville on the other side of the QEW from your home to which your child must be bused
- b. A dual track French immersion centre for the community on the same side of the QEW as your home to which your child might walk or be bused
- c. Undecided
- d. Doesn't matter

- Would you place your children in French immersion if the program was only available in a dual track centre? (check one)

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Undecided

- Would you place your children in French immersion if the program was relocated to an existing school where English program children were a significant majority? (check one)
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Undecided
- Would you place your children in French immersion if the program was relocated to an new school where English program children were a significant majority, but the programs were introduced on an even footing (i.e. with the expectation that the populations would be balanced in three to five years). (check one)
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Undecided
- Would you place your children in French immersion if their classes were all likely to be two grade splits (e.g. grades 3 and 4 together) beyond grade 2? (check one)
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Undecided
- In particular considering grades 6 to 8, how would you like to see French immersion centres (single or dual track) configured? (check one)
 - a. Grades 1 – 8; grades 9 – 12
 - b. Grades 1 – 6; grades 7 – 8; grades 9 – 12
 - c. Grades 1 – 5; grades 6 – 8; grades 9 – 12
 - d. Grades 1 – 6; grades 7 – 12
 - e. Undecided
 - f. Doesn't matter
- French immersion in West Oakville may be relocated or consolidated again as early as 2008. How many such moves between grades 1 and 8 are you prepared to tolerate before you withdraw your children from the program? (check one)
 - a. One
 - b. Two
 - c. Undecided
 - d. Doesn't matter
- If French immersion is offered only in a dual track centre, where would you enroll your children? (check one)
 - a. At the dual track French immersion centre
 - b. At their English program home school
 - c. At a private or Catholic school
 - d. Other
 - e. Undecided
- Please append additional comments on a separate page.

Glossary

French immersion

In the Halton District School Board, elementary French immersion is delivered in a “50-50” model for grades 1 thru 8. Students are taught specific subjects in English for half of the day and in French for the other half of the day. Other boards may offer French immersion starting in kindergarten, grade 4, etc. with 80% to 100% of the day taught in French. To graduate with a French Immersion Certificate, students must have received 5,000 hours of French language instruction between grades 1 and 12.

Single track French immersion centre

The school offers French immersion only, as in the case of École Pine Grove Public School. Typically, children attend their English program home school for kindergarten and transfer to the single track centre in grade 1 for French immersion. Typically, children leaving French immersion return to their English program home school.

Dual track French immersion centre

The school offers two program streams: regular English starting in kindergarten for its local community, and French immersion starting in grade 1 for its broader community. Typically, French immersion children attend their English program home school for kindergarten and transfer to the dual track centre in grade 1 for French immersion. Typically, children leaving French immersion return to their English program home school (which may be the dual track French immersion centre).

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Please respond by Tuesday, July 15, 2003

If you have questions regarding this survey, please contact:

- Jennifer MacKenzie (jjhd.mackenzie@sympatico.ca or 905-827-7818) or
- Don Vrooman (don@vrooman.org or 905-827-8221).

Please return your completed survey:

- by backpack (on Thursday, June 26 only)
- by mail or by hand to: Pine Grove School Council, c/o 1554 Venetia Drive, Oakville, ON L6L 1K7, or
- by hand to the above address or to: Pine Grove School Council, c/o École Pine Grove PS, 529 Fourth Line - through the mail slot in the old front doors if the school is locked
- by fax to: 905-847-3821
- by e-mail to: pgsc@vrooman.org; an online form will be available at <http://pgsc.vrooman.org>.

Additional information will also be posted at the school by the old front doors. To receive e-mail updates during the Summer, send a message to pgsc@vrooman.org.

Thanks!