

Early French Immersion Catchment Area Changes Announcement

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As a part of the annual district-wide catchment boundary review, some Early French Immersion catchment areas for the 2019-2020 school year were identified for changes. This is a continuation of our district's work to provide a sustainable French Immersion program within SD43. After surveying parents and staff of affected neighbourhoods, consulting with partner groups and the French Advisory Committee, the district has made the decision to go forward with the changes.

Changes for Early French Immersion Catchment Areas

1) Change the EFI Middle School catchment area to Banting Middle

A very small area of the Porter Elementary French Immersion catchment currently feeds into Maillard Middle School. The rest of the Porter Elementary French Immersion catchment feeds into Banting Middle School. Next year, all students currently residing in the catchment area for Early French Immersion at Porter Elementary will have Banting Middle School as their assigned catchment school. Students with siblings at Maillard Middle School will still be allowed to attend Maillard Middle School with their sibling. Those families must fill out a sibling request during the cross-catchment application process in February.

2) Assign all catchment students for Westwood Elementary to Westwood Elementary as their EFI catchment

Prior to Westwood Elementary having a French Immersion program, students living near Westwood Elementary neighbourhood catchment went to Nestor Elementary for French Immersion. Next year, new Kindergarten students living in the Westwood Elementary neighbourhood catchment area will be assigned Westwood Elementary for their Early French Immersion catchment area. New Kindergarten students with siblings at Nestor Elementary will still be allowed to attend Nestor Elementary with their sibling. Those families must fill out a sibling request during the Early French Immersion application process in January.

3) Assign all catchment students for Glen Elementary to Nestor Elementary as their EFI catchment

Currently French Immersion students living in the Glen neighbourhood catchment area are split to either Nestor Elementary or Westwood Elementary for their Early French Immersion catchment area. Next year, all new Kindergarten students from this area are assigned Nestor Elementary as their French Immersion catchment school. New Kindergarten student with siblings at Westwood Elementary will still be allowed to attend Westwood Elementary School with their sibling. Those families must fill out a sibling request during the Early French Immersion application process in January.

