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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you may know, we conducted a survey last week related to the recent decision to change the French Immersion entry point from senior kindergarten to Grade 1. This change to French Immersion will be phased in as we implement the full-day kindergarten program in all our schools by 2014.

French Immersion senior kindergarten can remain in schools prior to the implementation of full day kindergarten as long as there are no increased capital or staffing costs. For Fessenden, this meant finding alternative accommodation solutions to ensure there was space within our school to add two classes.

Unfortunately, we couldn't find consensus to pursue any of the options proposed. As such, we will be **unable** to offer French Immersion senior kindergarten in 2012 at Fessenden. Kindergarten students already attending Fessenden may continue on the English track until they are ready to enter French Immersion in Grade 1.

Students outside Fessenden's English boundary will attend kindergarten in their home school and enter Fessenden for French Immersion in Grade 1. Parents/guardians are invited to apply through the Out-of-Catchment process if they would like their child to attend kindergarten at Fessenden. We will let parents/guardians know after June 15 if space is available in the school. Spaces will be allocated to siblings first based on a lottery. If space permits beyond siblings, spaces will also be allocated by lottery. The remaining spots will be filled in September.

We appreciate your patience as we've worked through these challenges. Please be assured that moving the entry point will not impact their acquisition of the French language.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 905-527-5092, ext. 2626 or krys.croxall@hwdsb.on.ca. To view the results of the survey please visit the Fessenden School website at schools.hwdsb.on.ca/Fessenden

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Croxall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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