



Office of the Director of Education

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you are aware, on October 27, 2009, the Ministry of Education announced the implementation of the Full Day Early Learning Program for September 2010. On December 9, 2009, TCDSB submitted its proposed Phase 1 sites to the Ministry after consultation with the local municipality, Best Start Networks and the coterminous boards. As part of the original Phase 1 site selection process for ELP, the following set criteria was considered:

- space availability with no renovation requirements
- space availability with minimal investments
- all JK/SK classes in a school can accommodate the new model
- schools did not already have a full-day SK program
- schools did not have an early French Immersion program
- community need
- LICO data
- geographical distribution
- ELP class size compliance
- grades 4-8 class averages and accommodation pressures
- Impact on existing child care programs
- student achievement (EQAO data)
- readiness to implement

As a result, from the 38 recommended sites, only 28 were approved, allowing for 63 ELP classes to be in operation for September 2010. As per the communication dated December 2009, the remaining proposed sites would be considered for Year Two. However, as indicated in an earlier communication, based on the revised criteria from the Ministry, the remaining Phase One sites not selected for September 2010-11 no longer meet the revised Ministry Criteria laid out for Phase 2 implementation with the exception of St. Charles Garnier and St. Norbert.

Please refer to revised criteria listed below, and note that due consideration was given to the impact on existing child care and Early Years programs, including those operating on school premises.

Phase 2 Criteria Listing:

- geographic distribution from Year 1 sites (2500m)
- all JK/SK classes in a school can accommodate the new model
- schools did not have an early French-Immersion program
- minimize impact on Best Starts and current childcare
- impact of ELP on primary class size compliance
- impact on grades 4-8 class averages
- impact on existing child care programs

Phase 2 Sites:

St. Charles Garnier	Our Lady of Lourdes
St. Norbert	Holy Rosary
St. Dominic Savio	Nativity of Our Lord
St. Teresa	St. Wilfrid
St. Rita	St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

It is regrettable that we could not move forward with the original recommended Phase 1 sites, in Phase II, and we wait for Phase III criteria.

TCDSB will continue to make available a wide range of programs and services for our young children and we encourage you to visit the Board's website for more information regarding the Early Learning Program, as well as any other programs and services offered by the TCDSB.

Sincerely,



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