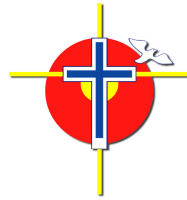


# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From the meeting of:  
**February 5, 2008**



## CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

### FSL Review Presented to Board

Superintendent of Education, Jane McMillan, and Principal of Curriculum, Charlotte Rouleau, presented the findings of the CDSBEO's year-long review of French as a Second Language (FSL) programs to the Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Rouleau told the Board that the FSL Program Committee examined a number of factors during the course of the review including: current research on second language education, enrolment data, parent, teacher, and student input, and the effectiveness of ongoing French cultural programs.

As a result, the committee made a number of recommendations to the Board in the form of Administrative Actions, including a recommendation to expand the Intensive French program currently running at two pilot sites.

The committee is also recommending that both early and secondary immersion be offered in areas where interest and enrolment is sufficient. This could also result in middle immersion being replaced in some schools by early immersion where it is warranted.

"We will continue our dialogue with several of our Catholic school communities," said Mrs. Rouleau, "regarding the possibility of

establishing a dual-track model with Core French and an Early French Immersion option, where there is sufficient interest and enrolment."

Support for various cultural activities, such as trips to Quebec and France will also continue.

Mrs. Rouleau added that as the Board refines FSL program delivery, a "level" system will be developed to determine the French abilities of students departing the system to either post-secondary education, or the workforce.

"Parents are telling us they feel the benefits of their children being functionally bilingual is key to their success. We will continue to work together towards achieving that common goal," added Mrs. Rouleau.

### School Effectiveness Framework Outlined

Supervising Principal of School Effectiveness, Kerry Lamming, introduced the School Effectiveness Framework to the Board of Trustees. "A priority for The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat is to build internal capacity within school boards across the province," said Mr. Lamming.

The program is being piloted for the remainder of the school year. Four schools from each school family are participating in a district review, while all remaining schools are

taking part in self-assessments. At the conclusion of the process, a report will be generated listing a summary of strengths, areas in need of improvement, and recommendations for next steps.

The framework is based on a philosophy of shared commitment and collegiality. By implementing a self-assessment process, schools can improve without externally imposed accountability measures.

Mr. Lamming stated that the framework is not an evaluative tool and it has no connection to the teacher performance appraisal process. "It allows us to recognize strengths, and to identify areas that need further attention. It also provides us with an outline of the paths we can take to improve overall school success."

Mr. Lamming stressed that the process is truly inclusive.

School Improvement Teams (SIT) may include several representatives from the school, such as the Principal, teachers and support staff.

"In some cases, the school Superintendent and a consultant may be included," added Mr. Lamming. "The process is about building and developing relationships at the school, region and Board level. This will allow us to set overall curriculum strategies and goals tailored to specific needs."

#### Meetings / Events

Feb. 12 Special Education Advisory Committee (2 meetings), Kemptville Board Office 6:30 p.m.  
Feb. 18 Family Day (no school)

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#### Next Board Meeting:

February 19, 2008  
7:00 p.m.  
Kemptville  
Board Office