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Lynn Little, Director of Education

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

South East Cornerstone Public School Division is considering the implementation of public French Immersion programs for students in the communities of Estevan and Weyburn. The program in Estevan would be hosted at Pleasantdale School and possibly commence in September 2020. In Weyburn the program would be hosted at Assiniboia Park Elementary School and commence in September 2021. We have received informal requests as to whether delivering a program would be a consideration. The Board of Education commits to explore this option and determine its viability. SECPD is contemplating offering a Kindergarten to Grade 8 elementary French Immersion program in Estevan as the 9-12 is presently offered at ECS and a Kindergarten to Grade 12 program in Weyburn. The first step is to determine if there is sufficient interest in a public French Immersion program to both initiate and sustain the program. We anticipate that if there is sufficient interest, we would begin with a K -2 classroom and grow by a grade level each subsequent year.

Students generally enter the program in either Kindergarten or Grade 1. Utilizing the provincial curricula for early learners, our French Immersion program would maintain a strong focus on student identity and language development while fostering students' achievement in multiple subjects. The English Language Arts program would be formally introduced in Grade 3.

In Grades 3-8, students apply their literacy and language skills to support and further their learning. Once students have learned to read in French, they apply this skill as they continue to explore the language and build vocabulary, communicate orally with purpose and write to explain their thoughts and learning. The ability to speak, read and write is applied in all subject areas and enables students to continue to learn the French language in the context of curricular subjects. French Immersion students learn French and English and follow provincial curricula.

The approximate percentage of instruction in French through K-12 French Immersion is as follows:

- 100% Kindergarten to Grade 2
- 75% Grade 3-8
- 50% Grade 9-12

Parents do not need to speak French in order to enroll their children in French Immersion.

This survey is intended for all public school families with students transitioning into Kindergarten to Grade 2 in the Estevan and Weyburn attendance areas. The intent of the survey is to determine the level of interest for a French Immersion program to identify the number of students who would attend. Please note that should the programs be initiated, SECPSD is obligated to provide transportation.

Please complete the attached survey and return it to South East Cornerstone Public School Division. The survey deadline is Monday, May 4th, 2020.

The survey may be submitted electronically or printed and submitted via mail.

Electronically:

FrenchImmersion@secpsd.ca

Or

Mail to:

French Immersion Survey
c/o South East Cornerstone Public School Division
80A – 18th Street NE
Weyburn, SK
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The survey is also available online at: www.secpsd.ca

Sincerely,

Lynn Little
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South East Cornerstone Public School Division French

Immersion Interest Survey

April 2020

To move forward in the process of determining the level of interest and commitment of South East Cornerstone residents to the development of a French Immersion program in Estevan and Weyburn, we are gathering information through a survey process. The survey is NOT anonymous and asks that you identify yourself, your child(ren) and your level of interest and commitment to a proposed program.

South East Cornerstone Public School Division will only proceed in the process of developing these programs with sufficient numbers and parent commitment. The programs being targeted for Estevan and/or Weyburn areas is based on enrolment data and the potential for a viable program.

The information being gathered will be used solely for the purpose of determining the feasibility of a French Immersion program and will not be retained beyond the scope of that process. All personal information will be held in confidence in accordance with the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation for Saskatchewan (LAFOIP).

Please complete one copy of the survey for each child you have in the target group of age 3 to grade 2.

Estevan Attendance Area Families: Potential Start Date, September 2020.

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical (street) Address or Land Location: _____

Contact Email (for survey follow-up): _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Student Information:

Name: _____

Age as of December 31, 2020: _____

Current Grade (if in school): _____

Current School (if in school): _____

Proposed French Immersion Program:

What is your level of interest /commitment to a public French Immersion program (grades K to 2 starting next fall) in Estevan? Please place an x in the appropriate box.

- Not Interested
- Interested but not sure that I would commit to the program
- My child would attend if the program goes ahead

Weyburn Attendance Area Families: Potential Start Date, September 2021.

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical (street) Address or Land Location: _____

Contact Email (for survey follow-up): _____

Daytime Telephone Number: _____

Student Information:

Name: _____

Age as of December 31, 2020: _____

Current Grade (if in school): _____

Current School (if in school): _____

Proposed French Immersion Program:

What is your level of interest /commitment to a public French Immersion program (grades K to 2 starting fall of 2021) in Weyburn? Please place an x in the appropriate box.

- Not Interested
- Interested but not sure that I would commit to the program
- My child would attend if the program goes ahead