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MONSIGNOR UYEN CATHOLIC SCHOOL BECOMES SINGLE-TRACK FRENCH IMMERSION, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2012

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have accepted the recommendations of the Monsignor Uyen/Our Lady of Fatima Boundary Review Committee (BRC), clearing the way for Monsignor Uyen to become a single-track French Immersion school, effective September 1, 2012.

A report by the Director of Education was in full agreement with the BRC's final report, and urged Trustees to accept the committee's recommendations.

"I want to thank the members of the Boundary Review Committee for their work and for reaching consensus on recommendations which are in the best interests of the students, their families and the Board," says Paul Wubben, Director of Education.

Currently both schools house English programs from JK to Grade 8; with French Immersion from JK to Grade 2 at Our Lady of Fatima and from Grade 3 to Grade 8 at Monsignor Uyen. The BRC, made up of parents from both schools, met three times from November through February to consider the problem of declining enrolment, which was affecting the viability of the English program at Monsignor Uyen. At the same time, growth in the English program at Our Lady of Fatima was resulting in a shortage of classroom space. In accepting the BRC's recommendations tonight, the Board has shifted English program students to Our Lady of Fatima and French Immersion program students to Monsignor Uyen, solving both issues.

The Board also accepted a recommendation which will permit the current Grade 7 students to graduate from Monsignor Uyen next year, provided that there is a minimum class size of 12 students.

"We will now begin the work of transitioning students, so that when they arrive in their new school communities in September they will feel welcome among their new friends," says Mr. Wubben.

The BRC also establish a new attendance boundary for Our Lady of Fatima, which includes the former boundaries of both schools. A new transportation boundary has also been established for Monsignor Uyen, which complies with Board policy.