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FRENCH EMBASSY ATTACHÉ JOINS DELEGATION FROM LILLE, FRANCE IN VISIT TO ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC AS PART OF TOUR OF AREA SCHOOLS

Three St. Clair Catholic schools in will play host to a visiting delegation from the French Ministry of Education and the French Embassy in Ottawa this week.

“We are pleased to welcome these visiting dignitaries from France and Ottawa and hope to learn more about an exciting initiative to twin our French Immersion schools with schools in France,” says Deb Crawford, Superintendent of Education.

The school partnership would allow greater access for students to share their learning on a regular basis, using Skype and other technologies.

“This twinning initiative would be a tremendous opportunity for our students and it aligns with the new French curriculum document, which stresses, not only instruction of the French language, but also embedding the French culture into student learning,” says Mrs. Crawford.

The visitors include Isabelle Jeuffroy and Ludovic Sauvage from the Académie de Lille, France; and Dominique Suquet, the French Embassy attaché from Ottawa.

The delegation will visit Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School, Sarnia; Ursuline College Chatham Catholic Secondary School; and Monsignor Uyen Catholic School, Chatham as part of a tour of French Immersion programs; and meet with the Directors of Education for St. Clair Catholic and the Lambton Kent District School Board.

French Delegation Itinerary for St. Clair Catholic:

- ***Visit to Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School, 1825 Hogan Drive, “Francophone Culture Day” – Monday, May 4, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.***
- ***Meet with Directors of Education Dan Parr, St. Clair Catholic; and Jim Costello, LKDSB, Chatham Regional Education Office, McNaughton Ave. E., Chatham – Wednesday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m.***
- ***Visit Ursuline College, 85 Grand Avenue, W., Chatham – Friday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m.***
- ***Visit Monsignor Uyen Catholic School, 255 Lark Street, Chatham – Friday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m.***

Members of the media are welcome.