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Dear St. Mary Staff, Parents/Guardians, and School Council Members:

At its public meeting of October 11, 2011, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board approved the establishment of a Community Consultative Committee to consider a phased in French Immersion program at Queen of Peace Catholic Elementary School in order to promote French language and increased enrolment.

Currently, French Immersion is available to Essex County students at St. Mary in Maidstone. The recommendation for a phased in French Immersion program at Queen of Peace would necessitate a boundary adjustment between St. Mary and Queen of Peace for Essex County families interested in French Immersion.

A public meeting will be held on January 30, 2012 at Cardinal Carter Catholic Secondary School, 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed program change and boundary adjustment for French Immersion. Individuals wishing to make a formal presentation at this meeting are to notify the recording secretary, Celeste DiPonio (celeste_diponio@wecdsb.on.ca, (519) 253-2481 ext. 1293) and provide a copy of their speaking notes by noon on January 27, 2012.

From its study and input received through the public consultation process, the program adjustment committee will make recommendations that will assist the Board of Trustees in deciding on the best program options for the Leamington Catholic school community and Essex County families interested in French Immersion.

Please feel free to contact Thérèse Barichello – Principal of Continuing Education at (519) 946-3761 ext. 16 or by e-mail at therese_barichello@wecdsb.on.ca should you have any questions. Additional information regarding French Immersion is also available on our Board website ([www.wecdsb.on.ca-->programs-->French Immersion](http://www.wecdsb.on.ca-->programs-->French%20Immersion)).

Sincerely,

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