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Dear Parents and Guardians:

At the September 26, 2017, Board meeting, Trustees approved several recommendations from the West Guelph French Immersion (FI) Boundary Review – Final Boundary Review Report.

These recommendations include the approval of Option 3, which confirms the new FI enrolment caps and boundaries for Gateway Drive Public School (JK-3 FI), Willow Road Public School (grades 4-8 FI) as well as altered JK FI enrolment caps and boundaries for Paisley Road Public School (JK-6 FI) and John McCrae Public School (JK-8 FI).

Option 3 involves starting FI at Gateway Drive PS in 2018/19 with JK and SK, and growing the program by a grade a year. Effective September 2023, Willow Road PS will accommodate grades 4-5 FI feeding from Gateway Drive PS. Willow Road PS will continue to grow by a grade each year to accommodate grades 4-8 FI by 2026/2027.

The new FI program will start as JK/SK, therefore in 2018-19 all grade 1-8 FI students that reside within the new West Guelph FI boundary will be grandparented at Paisley Road PS and John McCrae PS until the end of grade 8.

The table below highlights the implementation of grades at Gateway Drive PS and Willow Road PS:

	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27
Gateway Drive FI	JK/SK	JK-1	JK-2	JK-3	JK-4	JK-3	JK-3	JK-3	JK-3
Willow Road FI						4-5	4-6	4-7	4-8

The approved recommendations also include a change to the grade configurations at Paisley Road PS and John McCrae PS. Paisley Road PS will grow by a grade a year to again become JK-6 FI. Students from within the new Paisley Road PS FI boundary will continue to attend John McCrae PS for grades 7 and 8 FI.

The table below highlights the implementation of grade changes for students who reside within the modified FI boundaries for Paisley Road PS/John McCrae PS.

	18/19	19/20	20/21
Paisley Road FI	JK-4	JK-5	JK-6
John McCrae FI	JK-8 (5-8 FI feed from Paisley Road PS)	JK-8 (6-8 FI feed from Paisley Road PS)	JK-8 (7-8 FI feed from Paisley Road PS)

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Trustees approved a recommendation to set the JK FI cap at Gateway Drive PS and modify the JK FI caps at Paisley Road PS and John McCrae PS. The cap changes increase the number of JK FI spaces from 92 to 116, by establishing the following JK FI caps effective in September 2018:

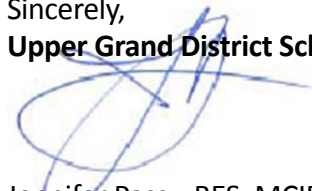
- 29 JK FI students at Gateway Drive PS
- 29 JK FI students at Paisley Road PS
- 58 JK FI students at John McCrae PS

As part of the approved recommendations, board staff will convene a Transition Planning Team before the end of this school year to work with the school communities in developing and implementing plans at all four schools to help with transitions.

The full list of approved recommendations and the associated boundary maps illustrating the approved FI boundaries for Paisley Rd PS (JK-6 FI), John McCrae PS (JK-6 FI & 7-8 FI), Gateway Drive PS (JK-3 FI), and Willow Road PS (Grade 4-8 FI) are available on the Upper Grand District School Board website at www.ugdsb.on.ca/wgbr.

Sincerely,

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