

## Langstaff SS – Thornlea SS French Immersion Boundary Change Public Meeting

October 22, 2025

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## **Land Acknowledgement**

We affirm that we are all <u>treaty people</u> and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties.

These treaties have been signed with the <u>Mississaugas of the Credit First</u>

<u>Nation</u> and the <u>First Nations of the Williams Treaties</u> who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations.

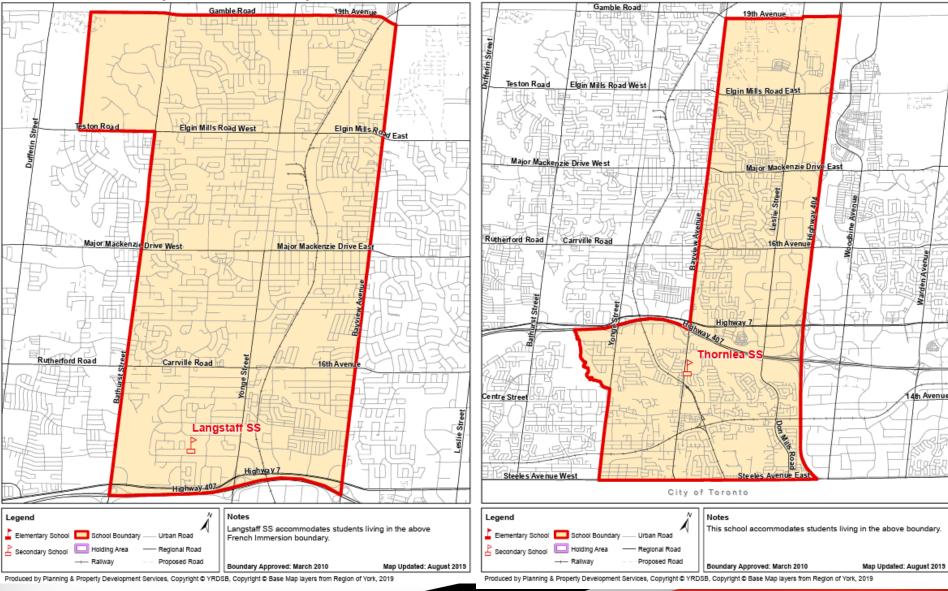
We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.

## York Region

### Langstaff SS, City of Richmond Hill (French Immersion)



## Thornlea SS, City of Markham (French Immersion)



## Background: Secondary French Immersion in Richmond Hill

- Current Secondary French Immersion Schools serving southern Richmond Hill and Markham-Thornhill
  - Langstaff SS
  - Thornlea SS
- French Immersion program started at Thornlea SS in 2011
  - Originated from Langstaff SS due to growth in French Immersion
- Demand for French Immersion programming in the secondary panel has declined

### 2025-26 Enrolment

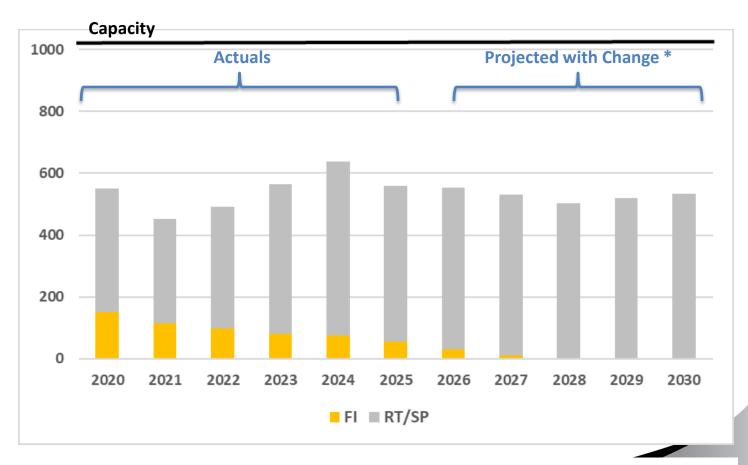
- Langstaff SS currently has 45 students in French Immersion in Grades 10-12
- A small class of Grade 9 students were redirected to Thornlea SS
- Thornlea SS currently has 218 students in its French Immersion program
- Both French Immersion programs can be accommodated in one school

## Proposed French Immersion Accommodation Plan

### **Effective September 2026:**

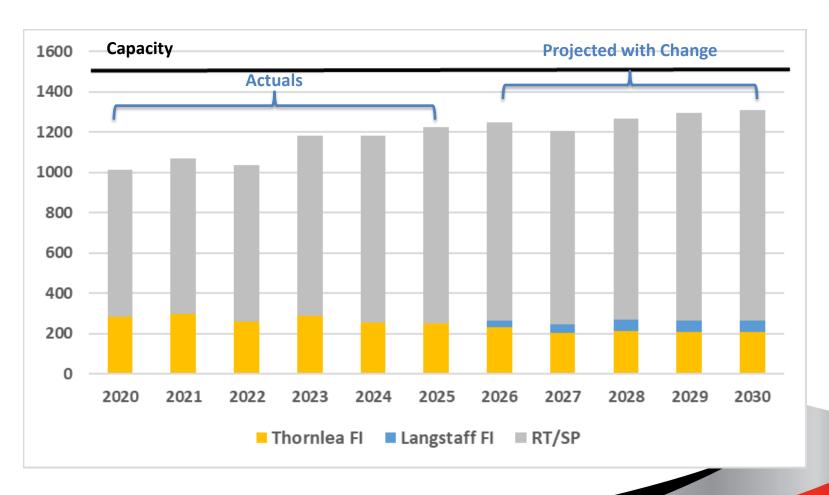
- Merging the French Immersion boundaries of Langstaff SS and Thornlea SS
- Current Grade 8 French Immersion students who will be Grade 9 in September 2026 will now attend Thornlea SS
- Current Grade 9 French Immersion students who were redirected from Langstaff SS will remain at Thornlea SS until graduation
- In 2028 French Immersion programming will be phased out of Langstaff SS

## Langstaff SS Enrolment after French Immersion change



<sup>\*</sup> Projections do not include significant new development (TOC) which is expected after 2030

# Thornlea SS Enrolment after French Immersion change



## Timelines for French Immersion Boundary Change

- Public Meeting (Thornlea SS): October 22, 2025
- Learning Equity & Wellbeing Standing Committee (LEWSC): November 18, 2025 (Delegation Opportunity)
- Board Meeting: December 9, 2025
- Secondary School Course Selection & Staffing Process:
   December 2025 to May 2026
- Implementation: September 2026



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#### School Boundary Information and **Presentations**

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#### **School Boundaries**

School attendance areas or boundaries are necessary to create school communities that are appropriately sized for the capacity of each school facility and to accommodate sustainable student enrolment. York Region schools offer a variety of school programs and school boundaries are selected to accommodate a school's long-term projected enrolment. Portable accommodation is used during a community's peak enrolment period or to accommodate students awaiting new schools or additions.

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