



Elder's Mills PS

School Community Meeting

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Introductions

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Agenda

- History (2009 to present)
- FSL Review Outcome
- The Plan
- Transition Options and Timeline
- Input/Survey

History

- West FI Expansion
 - December 2008/January 2009
 - FI begins at Elder's Mills PS in September 2009
- School Council Meetings (for both FI and regular parents)
 - May 5, 2009
 - June 2, 2009
- School Community Meeting for Elder's Mills PS/Lorna Jackson PS merge
 - September 22, 2011
 - No changes in FI program for 2012-13
- FSL Review begins in Fall 2011

FSL Review Outcome

- French Immersion Program:
 - Entry point for FI to remain at Grade 1
 - Using existing vacant pupil spaces to create a variety of program accommodations

Future of FI at Elder's Mills PS

- Elder's Mills PS will become a single track FI school

Transition Options

1. Moving all students at once in 2013-14

➤ 1 year of transition

JK	SK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
14	17	18	9	21	17	28	15	15	154

2. Moving current JK-3 in 2013-14, and grandfathering current Gr. 4 -7

➤ As long as program is viable (i.e. 25 students/class)

4	5	6	7	Total
17	28	15	15	75

Survey

- Elder's Mills PS regular track parents will receive a survey to determine preferred transition option
- Early November
- One survey per family
 - For students in JK - Grade 7
 - Not for students on transfer
- Return to school in early December
- Results posted mid December
- Majority will decide on transition option

Q & A

- **What happens to students on transfer to Elder's Mills PS for regular track programming? Will they be able to attend Lorna Jackson PS?**
 - Students may choose to return to their homeschool; otherwise these transfers will be reviewed first by the superintendent.
- **Will there be enough space at Lorna Jackson PS for the regular track students from Elder's Mills PS?**
 - With changes to Lorna Jackson PS (relocating regional programs and not accepting further registrations from Block 40), space has been made available for regular track students from Elder's Mill PS.
- **Will there be portables at Lorna Jackson PS?**
 - There may be a need for a portable if Option 2 is chosen depending on class/grade organization.

Q & A (Cont'd)

- **What happens to regular track teachers at Elder's Mills PS? Do they transfer to Lorna Jackson PS?**
 - Identified surplus teachers from Elder's Mills PS may apply for new positions at Lorna Jackson PS; they do not automatically transfer over.
- **Can students transfer earlier than the transition timeline chosen?**
 - Classes still need to be viable at Elder's Mills PS, therefore transfer requests will be reviewed by the superintendent in that context.
- **Will Elder's Mills PS students qualify for transportation to Lorna Jackson PS?**
 - Transportation zones apply according to [Policy 680.0](#). All students within 1.2km of Lorna Jackson PS do not qualify for transportation; while students in grades JK-3 within 1.2km to 1.6km qualify, and all students beyond 1.6km from within the school boundary also qualify.