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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This is the second letter to French Immersion parents regarding the changes to the transportation of new siblings of French Immersion students, beginning September 2017. The first letter was distributed October 31, 2016 and the information has not changed. We hope that this notice will serve to communicate with parents who may not have received the first letter, and/or provide further clarification to the transportation arrangements, which shall be in effect for the 2017-2018 school year.

At the Regular Meeting of the Board, held on September 27, 2016, the Board of Trustees approved the following motion:

That effective September, 2017, the York Catholic District School Board will no longer provide transportation to new siblings of French Immersion students.

This decision makes the transportation of French Immersion siblings, wishing to attend the English track program at the French Immersion school, consistent with the transportation available for the siblings of students in all other specialized or optional programs in the Board.

WHAT WILL CHANGE?

- **New** siblings entering the English Track from Kindergarten to Grade 8 will **not** receive transportation to the French Immersion school in 2017-18.

Exceptions:

- *Siblings who **live within the English boundary** of the French Immersion school, for whom the regular YCDSB Transportation Policy applies, will continue to receive transportation.*
- *The York Catholic District School Board will continue to provide transportation to French Immersion **siblings currently receiving this service** until the French Immersion student leaves or graduates from the elementary FI program.*

If a family wishes to have the sibling of a French Immersion student attend the French Immersion school in the English Track **without transportation**, an application for 'Out of Boundary/Out of Region' (TCH 19) will be considered, if classroom space permits.

The York Catholic District School Board French Immersion program will continue to offer excellent educational programming to students. The program is currently offered in fifteen elementary schools and the secondary program will begin in Markham in 2017 and in Richmond Hill, Aurora and Woodbridge in 2018.

For more information about the French Immersion program, please visit www.ycdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

Carol Cotton
Chair of the Board