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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you are aware, the International Language Extended Day Program was identified for review during our budget development process last Spring. The York Catholic District School Board required additional financial resources in order to maintain the program in the extended day format.

We are very pleased to inform you that *Centro Scuola e Cultura Italiana* has provided the Board with a letter confirming an annual financial contribution to support the delivery of the International Language Extended Day Program until 2020. We sincerely thank *Centro Scuola e Cultura Italiana* for their commitment and the additional funds. We value the International Language Extended Day Program, the work of our Instructors, and we believe strongly in the benefits of learning another language.

At the Regular Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, September 27, 2016, the Board of Trustees approved a recommendation by staff to implement an International Language Extended Day Advisory Committee whose purpose will be to review program pedagogy and resources as well as to identify any cost savings relative to the current model of design and delivery.

Centro Scuola e Cultural Italiana has been a wonderful partner in promoting the teaching of the Italian language and culture within our communities for 40 years. Our Board is proud to work in a collaborative partnership with *Centro Scuola e Cultural Italiana* and we look forward to the program's continued success in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Carol Cotton
Chair of the Board

Patricia Preston
Director of Education