



November 27, 2015

Me Geneviève Dugré
Secretary General
Lester B. Pearson School Board
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Subject: Consultation Response: "Enrollment Criteria 2016-2017"

Dear Me.Dugré,

In regard to this proposed Policy, the Special Needs Advisory Committee would like to suggest that an additional clause be added to the Questions & Answers document, under section 11, to address a potential concern for parents of children with special needs.

In the event that a school with a Bilingual program may have reached capacity, a student with special needs could be redirected to a school with an Immersion program. Special consideration may be needed to ensure that a student with special needs can attend a school with a Bilingual program if that program is deemed to be more suitable to that student.

With the current extenuating circumstances of the Major School Change in play for the 2016-2017 school year, the issue of providing a choice of language of instruction for students with special needs is of even greater importance. We urge that the Enrollment Criteria 2016-2017 take into account the specific needs of our students with special needs.

Thank-you for the opportunity to participate in this consultation.

Respectfully,

Brett Hillgartner
Chairperson, Special Needs Advisory Committee, 2015-2016

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