



**TO:** Committee of the Whole

**DATE:** 15 April 2025

**RE:** New Elementary Program Review Proposal

Trustee Nili Kaplan-Myrth has given notice that she will move as follows at the Committee of the Whole meeting on 15 April 2025, pursuant to s.12.9 of the Board's *By-Laws and Standing Rules*:

**WHEREAS** the Elementary Program Review (EPR) was undertaken by the OCDSB to improve program quality and accessibility, with a focus on community-based education, dynamic, bilingual teaching and learning environments, and a continuum of inclusion;

**WHEREAS** OCDSB data demonstrates that under the current elementary program model disparities exist between schools that offer French Immersion and those that do not;

**WHEREAS** the revised EPR proposal in Report 25-022 does not add French Immersion to Arch Street Public School or Hawthorne Public School;

**WHEREAS** Arch Street Public School and Hawthorne Public School have a higher percentage of racialized and lower socioeconomic populations than most OCDSB schools; and

**WHEREAS** OCDSB data demonstrates that under the current elementary program model racialized and lower socioeconomic students have disproportionately lower academic outcomes;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

**THAT** the Board hereby directs that at the May 6, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting the Director shall present the Board with recommendations for Arch Street Public School, Hawthorne Public School, Featherston Public School, and Charles Hulse Public School that achieve both of the following:

- a. Making French Immersion available at each of the identified schools; and
- b. Maintaining either a K-6 or K-8 grade configuration at each of the identified schools.

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*Signatures on this Notice of Motion confirm that the Notice was submitted in accordance with Section 12.9 of the Board's By-laws and Standing Rules.*

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