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Dear Portage View Families.

The Simcoe County District School Board (SCDSB) offers French Immersion (FI) and Extended French as a Second Language (EFSL) at select schools throughout the county. FI begins in Grade 1 and EFSL begins in Grade 5. These programs give students a bilingual education and the opportunity to become fluent in a second language. Students from our school who enroll in either program will attend Hillcrest Public School.

An information session regarding these programs for parents of students in Senior Kindergarten or Grade 4 will take place at Hillcrest Public School, 184 Toronto St. Barrie, 705-728-5246, on Wednesday January 14, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

At this information session, you will learn more about:

- the program content and instruction
- the application process
- transportation for students

As well, parents will have an opportunity to ask questions of staff members regarding the program. It's important for you to know that the EFSL program is being phased out. The 2016-17 school year will be the final year for students entering the EFSL program (when current Grade 3 students reach Grade 5).

Application Dates in January

To apply for these programs, you must complete the online application form at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language. The FI application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 19, until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015. While every effort will be made to accommodate all FI applications, available space and staffing will determine how many students can be registered in the program. Applications will be processed in the order they are received electronically.

The EFSL application form will be available from 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21, until 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2015. EFSL is an open access program. This means that any student starting Grade 5 in September 2015 will be eligible for the EFSL program, and all online applications will be processed.

Please contact me if you do not have Internet access at home or require other assistance accessing the online application.

If you are unable to attend the information session, you're welcome to attend another session held at a different school. Please note: information specific for Hillcrest Public School may not be available at a different session.

More information about the application process and the full list of information session dates can be found online at www.scdsb.on.ca under Programs, French as a Second Language.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Peter McKenna, Principal