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## Westgate French Immersion & Spanish Bilingual Programs

Open House

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The CBE believes in personalized learning. This includes offering students a range of alternative programs, including language programs, that provide choice. Our French Immersion and Spanish Bilingual programs are increasingly popular and the programs at Westgate School have seen higher than expected growth. Westgate School has reached its capacity and cannot accommodate any additional students for 2013 – 2014. As a result, we must develop an accommodation plan to allow for future enrolment and the continued success of the two programs.

There is no easy solution that allows us to accommodate all the students. There is no scenario that would not disrupt some students and we must balance many competing demands. We have considered all the options and we believe at this point that the final scenarios we are presenting offer the best accommodation solutions possible at this time, though a final decision has yet to be made.

The CBE is committed to engaging families in this process. We are thrilled that the demand for our language programs continues to increase and we understand the desire to offer language programming to students close to their homes.

A decision must be made soon, in order to plan for implementation in September 2013. Once a decision has been made, students, parents and schools will be able to plan for the future.

We welcome your continued feedback and encourage you to share your thoughts. All feedback will be reviewed and considered prior to reaching a final decision.

### timeline |

- 2010: Grade 6 French and Spanish moved to Bishop Pinkam School, leaving Grade 5 students in place as requested by parents
- December 2012: CBE met with both school communities and an online engagement survey was sent. The CBE planning team reviewed this feedback and provided it to both school communities to review and identify priorities.
- January 2013: A follow-up meeting was held to review the results of the engagement process so far.
- February 2013: CBE Administration reviewed feedback collected and the suggested scenarios and determined which scenarios were appropriate to move forward with. At this time, if any other schools were implicated in any scenarios, those schools become involved in the engagement process.
- February 27, 2013: Scenarios were brought back to the community for final feedback.
- March/April 2013: Administrative decision will be announced

