

Board holding special delegation to hear responses Monday

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FI numbers are soaring but English pupil numbers dwindling at some schools, sometimes resulting in combined (two grades) and the possibility of triple-split English classes, which the board says are not cost effective and also cause concerns about limited social interaction for those students over the course of their elementary careers.

Compounding the situation, says board staff, are continuing difficulties, provincially, in finding and hiring qualified French teachers. It has resulted in some cases of re-posting French teacher vacancies at the Halton board, which means extended periods that some classes have a non-French speaking supply teacher.

There were three other options considered by the Program Viability Committee.

Option 2 would retain a Grade 1 entry point with 50 per cent French instruction in single-track schools. The Boag/Miller report states this would result in significant staff time needed for boundary reviews, the need for Full Day Kindergarten classrooms to be converted to Grade 1 rooms and a probable increase in student transportation costs.

Option 3 recommended a mid-entry point for French Immersion (Grade 4) with 80 per cent French instruction at dual-track schools. This

choice, says the report, would trigger boundary reviews, classroom modifications, result in increased staff development and curriculum resources but a probable decrease in transportation costs.

Another option considered, called Option 3 Hybrid, would have a mid-entry point for FI with 80 per cent French instruction at single- and dual-track schools. It would result in some possible boundary reviews and additional staff development and curriculum resources.

Oakville trustee Joanna Oliver was the most vocal opponent of Option 6 and said she preferred Option 3.

She believes that if Option 6 is implemented the board would find itself in the same student numbers dilemma in a few years.

We can't be afraid to cap French Immersion enrolment. Capping was never considered as an option and it's not a popular option.

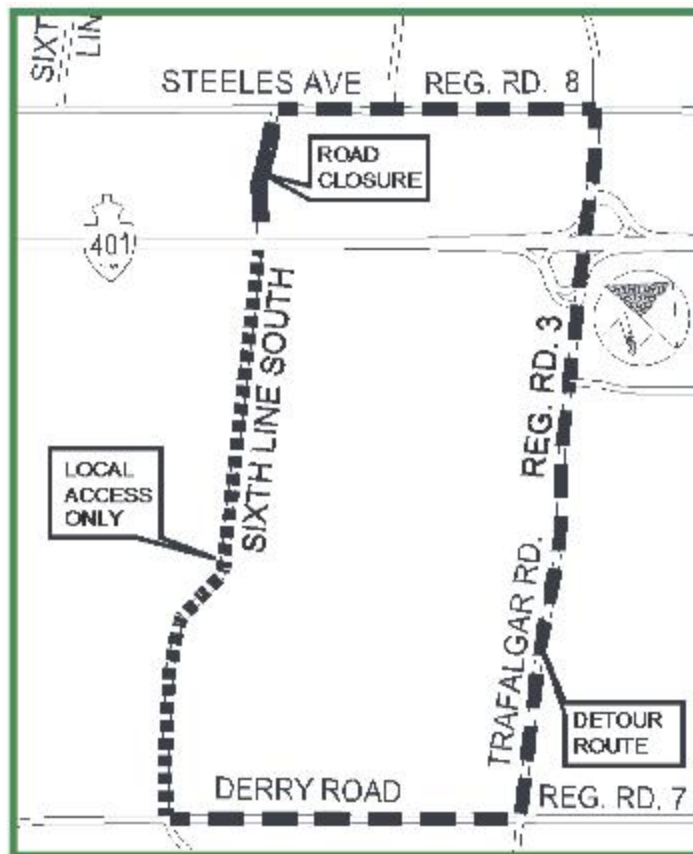
Board chair and Oakville trustee Kelly Amos said there are many unknowns.

I don't know if Grade 2 entry will make much of a difference (in lowering FI enrolment), but Grade 3 or 4 might.

The board is having a special delegation evening on Monday, June 13 to hear responses to its Program Viability report and recommendation.

NOTICE OF ROAD CLOSURE

Sixth Line South from Steeles Ave. (Reg. Rd. 8) to Highway 401 for bridge replacement and road reconstruction
Town of Milton and Town of Halton Hills



Closure start date: June 13, 2016
Closure end date: December 16, 2016

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HALTON HILLS SPORTS MUSEUM

2016 Hall of Fame Induction Gala

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2016
Location: The John Elliott Theatre

Keynote Speaker -
MIKE HARRIS



Debbie Boycott
 Builder - Rhythmic Gymnastics



Bill Fisher
 Builder - Hockey



Mike Harris (born June 9, 1967 in Georgetown, Ontario) is a Canadian curler. Mike rose to stardom when he skipped his team of Richard Hart, Colin Mitchell and George Karrys to a win at the 1998 Canadian Olympic trials, qualifying the team for the 1998 Winter Olympics.

After the 1998 Olympics, Harris skipped a team to the 2004 Nokia Brier where they finished 9-5.

Harris continues to curl competitively, and is now also a curling commentator for the CBC and a golf professional. Mike recently played a large role in the Telus Skills Game, where he co-ordinated the Pro-Am tournament.



Jim Hall
 Athlete/Builder - Wrestling



Juri Kadravos
 Athlete - Hockey



Colleen Shields
 Athlete - Swimming

Tickets \$30 each



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Join us at the Induction Gala.

6:00 pm - Reception

7:00 pm - Induction Ceremony • 9:00 pm Congratulatory Reception

Tickets for the Gala ceremony can be reserved through Glenda Nixdorf at 905-873-1360 or info.hhsm@bell.net

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Gary Carr
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June 14 9:30 a.m. Halton Region Council
June 15 9:30 a.m. Planning & Public Works Committee
June 15 1:30 p.m. Administration & Finance Committee
June 22 9:30 a.m. Council

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