



February 2023

To Parents of Students Currently in Grade 5 (Windermere Zone) Intensive French Program

School District No. 6 (Rocky Mountain) is pleased to offer an Intensive French program in the Windermere Zone for students entering Grade 6 in September 2023. The program was implemented in September 2008 at Windermere Elementary School and moved to J.A. Laird Elementary School in September 2017.

Parents are invited to an information night at J.A. Laird Elementary School scheduled for Thursday, February 9, 2023 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m

The attached parent information package and registration form is being sent for your information. The parent meeting is designed to provide more information and to give you the opportunity to ask questions.

Please Note:

1. **Registration forms are due by noon on Wednesday, March 15.** You may [register online here](#) OR deliver the paper form to the District Administration Office, fax it to the District Administration Office (250-342-6966) attn.: Stacey Ursulescu, or scan and email to stacey.ursulescu@sd6.bc.ca

2. There is a maximum enrolment of one class of 28 students for this program. Based on a quota, each school will be provided equity of access to the program. If the number of registrants by noon on March 15 exceeds the school quota, there will be a lottery process to determine the students who will be placed in the program.

District Practice 8800, French Programming, is currently being reviewed by the Board of Education. By holding a lottery for all registrants, this aligns with the District's priority area of equity and inclusion

3. If the class is not full by noon on March 15, the remaining spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis after that date. A wait list will then be created in case any spots become available.

4. It is important to understand that the program will only operate if there is sufficient enrolment. The Board of Education has determined the guideline to be 25 students. If there are less than 25 students, the situation will be assessed by the Superintendent in consultation with the Zone Trustees.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact:

- Terri Ann Hayes, Principal, J.A. Laird Elementary School, Terriann.Hayes@sd6.bc.ca, 250-342-6232
- Karen Shipka, Superintendent of Schools, 250-342-9243, ext. 4404

*Students participating in the program will be eligible for bus transportation in accordance with Board policy.