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**To:** Regular Board Meeting, December 9, 2021

**From:** Teresa Lubinski, Trustee Ward 4

**Subject: Consideration of Motion** - Accommodating Grade 8 Students of St Vincent de Paul who continue with Extended French in High School, and to investigate bus transportation for those students to attend the program at Michael Power/St. Joseph High.

**MOVED BY: Teresa Lubinski**, Toronto Catholic District School Board

**WHEREAS:** Some Grade 8 students who have been taking Extended French for the last four years have been offered to pursue their studies at Michael Power/St. Joseph High School (MP/SJ);

**WHEREAS:** To attend Michael Power/St. Joseph High School, the students would need to travel over 34 km daily by TTC with multiple transfers to get to school on time;

**WHEREAS:** The traveling itself would create additional stress, anxiety and time constraints for students and consequently lead to lost of interest, in pursuing Extended French studies on a secondary level;

**WHEREAS:** Studies on mental health show that the majority of youth reported worsening mental health during the COVID-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS:** There is a serious shortage of French teachers across Ontario and the entire country, the TCDSB should nurture and encourage our existing students in French Programs to continue their studies and provide practical and realistic options for them; and

**WHEREAS:** Many of our graduates could become new French teachers in the future, the TCDSB needs to work efficiently to end the continuous interruption of French Programs due to the shortage of French teachers.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The staff investigate if a bus transportation can be provided for St. Vincent De Paul school Grade 8 students, who chose to attend Michael Power/St Joseph High School;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The TCDSB provide space to pursue Extended French Program at Marshal McLuhan, Notre Dame and St. Joseph College School for those students from St. Vincent De Paul who select to attend the above listed high schools, as of 2022-2023 school year and every year thereafter;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The entire SVDP school community is notified immediately about the options available to pursue Extended French Program through Marshall McLuhan, Notre Dame, St. Joseph College and Michael Power/St Joseph High schools, so that families can plan accordingly; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The promotional materials for continuing studies in Extended French for St. Vincent De Paul students at Marshal McLuhan, Notre Dame, St. Joseph College and Michael Power/St. Joseph High schools are included in OPEN HOUSE Information Kit for 2023-2024 school year and every year thereafter.

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