

# French Immersion Expansion in the West for September 2009

## Wilshire ES



January 27, 2009

# Welcome & Introductions

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- Aneta Fishman – Principal, Wilshire ES
- Sharon List - Superintendent of Education
- Scott Yake – Superintendent of Education
- Joel Hertz – Trustee
- Dawn Adams – Senior Planner
- Bill Gordon – Superintendent of Education (retired) – Facilitator

# Agenda

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1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Current Proposal
3. Options for Grade 5 Students at Ventura Park PS
4. Questions
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# Accommodation at LH Frechette PS

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## Louis Honore Frechette PS

OTG Capacity 481  
 6 pak 138  
 619

October 2008	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	NOM	% Utilization
	98	83	80	67	72	52	53	55	560	90.5%



5 grade 1 classrooms

Available spaces remaining: 59

# Accommodation at Julliard PS

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## Julliard PS

OTG Capacity 516

Revised OTG Capacity 631 5 classroom addition (2008)  
 6 pak 138  
 769

October 2008	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	NOM	% Utilization
	151	117	121	116	70	59	52	27	713	92.7%



8 grade 1 classrooms

Available spaces remaining: 56

# Accommodation at Wilshire ES, Ventura Park PS and Rosedale Heights PS

	OTG Capacity	FTE			NOM						
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Wilshire PS	481	351	283	268	294	288	300	308	306	304	305
Ventura Park PS	631	402	399	378	360	347	291	273	237	218	212
Rosedale PS	447	377	342	312	313	295	280	265	246	247	237
	<b>1559</b>	<b>1130</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>754</b>

72%	66%	61%	62%	60%	56%	54%	51%	49%	48%
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Available Pupil Places	429	535	601	592	629	688	713	770	790	805
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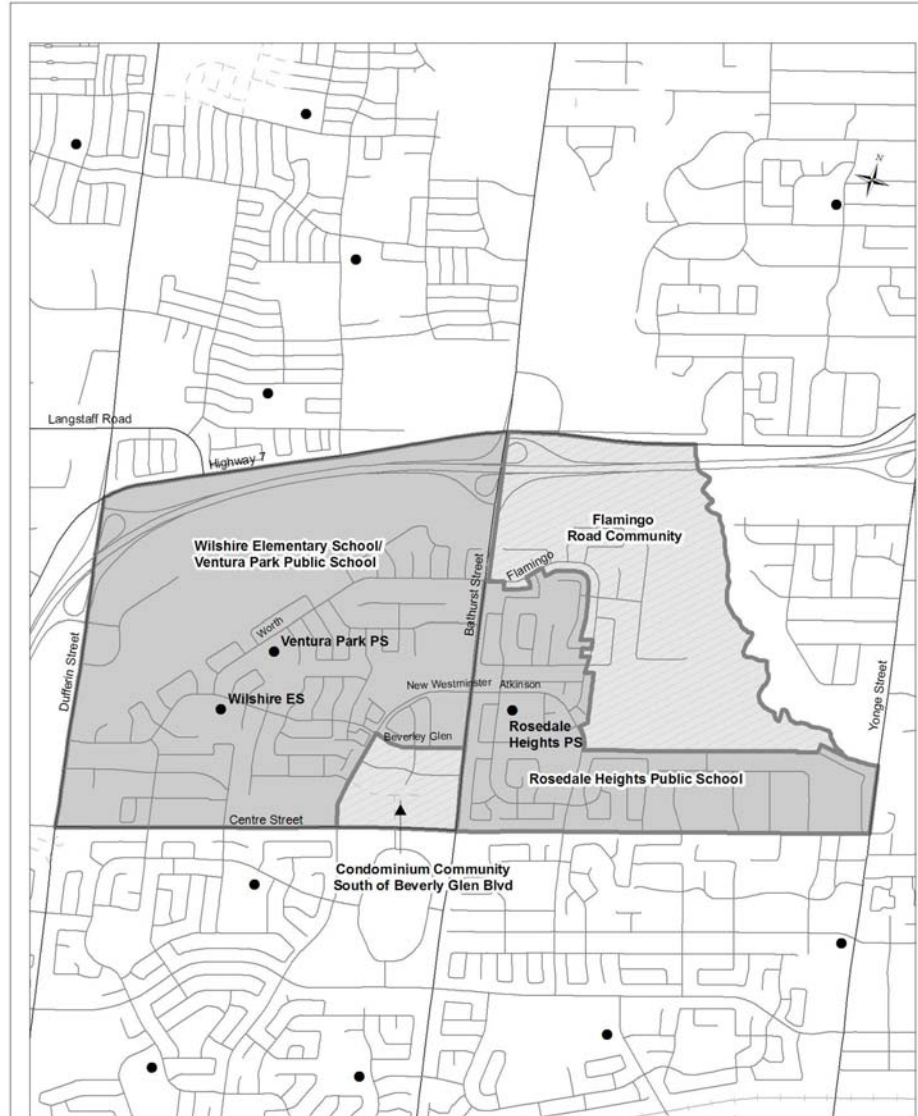
# Current Proposal

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Effective September 2009:

- Wilshire ES and Ventura Park PS:
  - Flamingo Road area students and Condominium Development area students south of Beverley Glen move to Rosedale Heights PS
    - Current JK – 4 students at Wilshire ES are able to remain until graduation (current 43 students)
    - Current grade 5 to 7 students at Ventura Park PS are able to remain until graduation (current 45 students)
    - No siblings will be grandfathered from these two areas to Wilshire ES or Ventura Park PS

# Wilshire ES and Ventura Park PS Boundary Change



# Current Proposal

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Effective September 2009:

- Create two new French Immersion Dual Track Programs starting with grade 1:
  - Ventura Park PS to serve Vaughan East
  - Elder's Mills ES serving Vaughan West
- Offer volunteer grade 2 to 6 French Immersion classes at Ventura Park PS, if viable class sizes can be assembled
- Offer volunteer grade 2 to 4 French Immersion classes at Elder's PS, if viable class sizes can be assembled
- All current Julliard PS and LH Frechette PS French Immersion students are able to remain until graduation

# Proposal Programming Implications

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- Wilshire ES:
  - Growing the Regular program starting with the grade 4's remaining for September 2009
- Ventura Park PS:
  - Growing the FI program (potentially grades 1-6)
  - Regular program is gradually phased out

# School Council Meeting Feedback

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- Many parents of the Flamingo Road and Condominium Development area south of Beverley Glen expressed their preference to remain at Wilshire ES
- Many parents of current Grade 4 students at Wilshire ES expressed their preference to remain for the JK-8 program at Wilshire ES
- Some Julliard PS and LH Frechette PS parents expressed their preference to have more grades offered, if viable, on a volunteer basis for French Immersion students at Elder's Mills PS and Ventura Park PS

# Grade Four Parent Survey

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- At the Wilshire School Council Meeting on November 24, 2008 many parents expressed a desire to be part of the proposed JK-8 Wilshire ES program
- To ensure grade 4 families' preferences were gathered, a survey was conducted in December, 2008
  - Results:
    - 80 of 94 (85%) families responded
    - 59 of the 80 (74%) families preferred to be part of the proposed grade JK-8 Wilshire ES program
    - 21 of the 80 (26%) families preferred to attend the grade 5-8 Ventura Park PS

# Options for Grade Five Students at Ventura Park PS

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Add grade 5 class in 2009 at Wilshire ES  
 Grandparent Flamingo Road/Condominium Development Students  
 Return current grade 5's in 2011 for grade 8

	NOM	FTE	Classrooms	Required	Surplus
2009	397	350.5	22	20	2
2010	433	393.5	22	21	1
2011	579		22	26	-4
2012	539		22	25	-3
2013	481		22	23	-1
2014	462		22	22	0

## Options for Grade Five Students at Ventura Park PS

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- Current grade 5 students at Ventura Park PS (76 students) would be the last regular track grade to graduate
- Two options available:
  - Students can graduate from Ventura Park PS in June 2012 or
  - Students could return to Wilshire ES for September 2011 for their grade 8 year
- If required, parents would be consulted early in the 2010-2011 school year (grade 7) to determine their preference
- A working advisory committee comprised of school staff and parents will be formed this spring

# Proposed Ventura Park PS French Immersion Boundary

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The following schools will be part of the new French Immersion boundary for Ventura Park PS:

Bakersfield PS

Carville Mills PS

Forest Run PS

Herb Carnegie PS (Section A and B)

Thornhill Woods PS

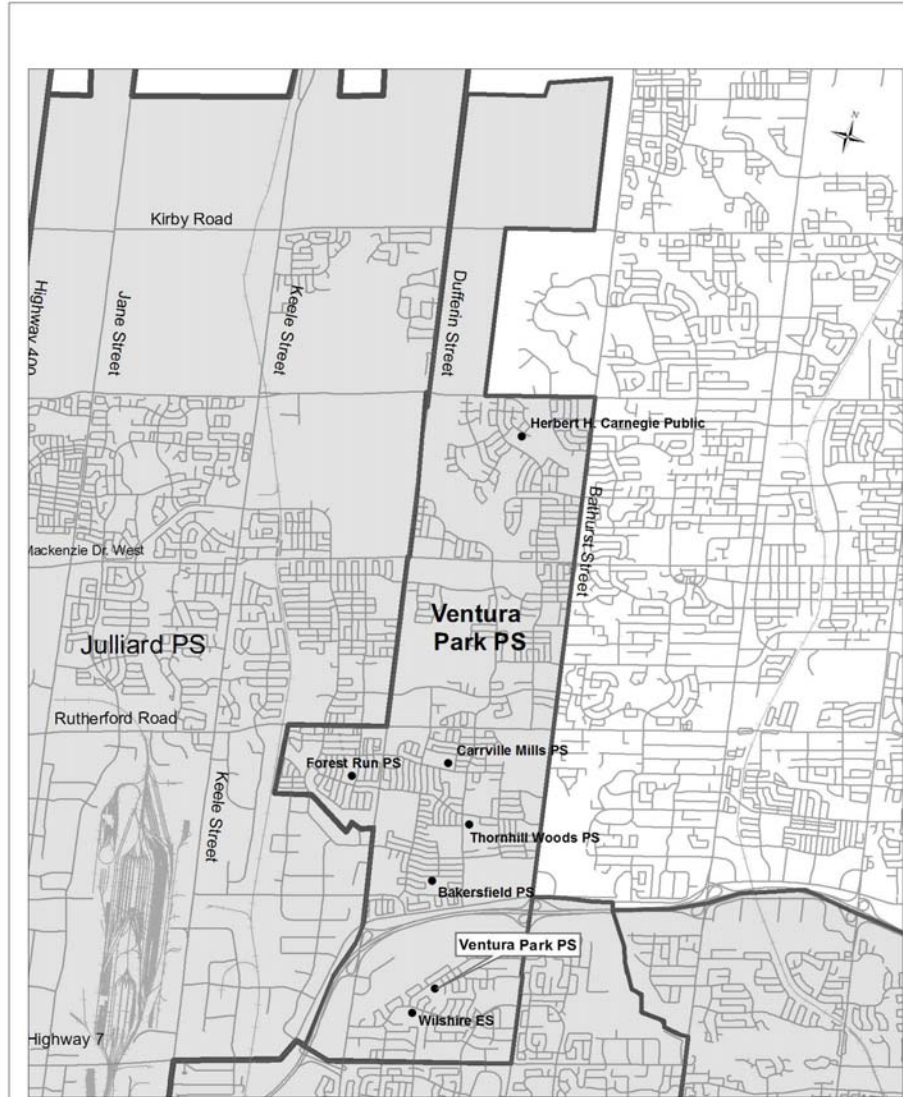
Ventura Park PS

Wilshire ES

Unnamed Block 11 #3 North ES

Unnamed Block 12 #2 ES

# Proposed Ventura Park PS French Immersion Boundary



# Boundary Process

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- November to January 2009: Elder's Mills PS School Council  
Ventura Park PS School Council (2)  
LH Frechette PS School Council  
Rosedale Heights School Council  
Wilshire ES School Council (2)  
Julliard PS School Council
- January 2009: Julliard PS Public Meeting: Jan 13  
Elder's Mills PS Public Meeting: Jan 20  
Ventura Park PS Public Meeting: Jan 21  
Wilshire ES Public Meeting: Jan 27
- February 2009: Take recommended boundary change to Program Planning Committee;
- March 2009: Take recommended boundary change to Board Standing Committee;
- March 2009: Take recommended boundary change to Board for final approval.

# Transfers

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In accordance with **Board Policy 108, Attendance Areas**, parents or guardians may send their children to a school other than the one which serves their attendance area provided that:

- a) There is accommodation in that particular school;
- b) The parents or guardians supply transportation to the school;
- c) In the opinion of the principal and Superintendent of Education, the transfer is in the best interest of the student;
- d) In the opinion of the principal and Superintendent of Education, the transfer will not jeopardize the program in the sending or receiving school.

Transfers are reviewed on an annual basis by the principal and the Superintendent of Education

# School Program Transition Process

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School Administration and Staff  
with the support of:

- Community Education Centre  
(Superintendent of Schools)
- Board Support
  - Curriculum and Instructional Services  
(Consultants)
  - Student Transportation Services
  - Plant Department
  - Planning Department
- Professional Networks
- Parents and the Community

## Additional Information

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- French Immersion Information Night  
(at all FI schools that evening)  
Julliard PS  
February 4, 2009
- Grade One French Immersion Registration  
register at Julliard PS beginning  
Thursday, February 5, 2009
- Information Meetings for new French Immersion Programs  
at Elder's Mills PS and Ventura Park PS  
(May/June 2009)

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# Questions

# Contact Information

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*Thank you*