

What we heard

The French Immersion program needs robust programming, school sites close to where students live, the least amount of school transitions, and more supports for students and their families

Address French Immersion program retention and anticipated enrolment pressures at Ardrossan Junior Senior High



FRENCH IMMERSION: OPTION 1

HIGHLIGHTS

Addresses enrolment

Enhances retention

Bev Facey Community High becomes

- single-track junior high
- dual-track senior high

BUSING

Reasonable ride times

- urban Fort Saskatchewan – shorter
- rural areas – similar
- Ardrossan – similar to rural areas

Relocate all secondary French Immersion programs, grades 7-12, to Bev Facey Community High

- Effective at the same time the new K-9 replacement school in Sherwood Park opens, expected in the 2026-27 school year.
- Ardrossan Junior Senior High's French Immersion program relocates to Bev Facey Community High—grades 7-12.
- Sherwood Heights Junior High's French Immersion program relocates to Bev Facey Community High.
- Make Bev Facey Community High the designated secondary school, grades 7-12, for Ardrossan Elementary, École Campbelltown, École Parc Élémentaire and Heritage Hills Elementary's French Immersion.
- Bev Facey becomes a single-track French Immersion junior high, and a dual-track senior high.

HOW IT ADDRESSES THE CRITERIA

- All alternative and specialized programs offered at the school can remain unchanged.
- Supports the anticipated enrolment pressures at Ardrossan Junior Senior High.
- Addresses students going to a school closest to where the majority resides.
- Enhances a French culture at the school by locating the French Immersion program in a dedicated section of the school building.
- Enables robust programming, especially concerning program offerings, careers and technologies courses, options, extracurriculars and sports teams.
- Minimizes transitions and increases retention.
- Strengthen continuity in teaching and learning, grades 7-12.
- Maximizes French teachers—teaching French full time, or almost full time.
- Sustainable into the future.

NOTE: The Division will also put a plan in place to ensure smooth transitions for everyone.