

York Catholic District School Board

Ad-hoc International Language Extended Day Program Committee

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Executive Summary

- ‡ International Language Extended Day Program (Elementary) is taught at 21 schools to students of all descents where Italian Language is taught during the school day which is extended by 20 minutes.
- ‡ The Program is funded through the GSN Continuing Education grant and was previously also funded by Centro Scuola. Without Centro Scuola support, the program creates a budget pressure.
- ‡ 2023/24 Ministry funding for International Languages is \$60.68 per



Program Benefits

A review of the literature indicates there are many benefits to studying a new language. Among them:

- ‡ The ability to communicate with people from different cultures
- ‡ Gaining a deeper appreciation of the culture associated with a language
- ‡ Developing learning skills such as critical thinking and problem-solving
- ‡ Acquiring other skills such as patience, discipline, and persistence, all of which can be used in all aspects of life
- ‡ Improved cognitive abilities: Learning a new language can improve memory, attention, and multi-tasking skills.
- ‡ Increased marketability in the workplace, especially with companies operating in a global environment
- ‡ Career choices in occupations such as translation
- ‡ Personal growth: Learning a new language can broaden your perspective and help you understand and appreciate different ways of thinking

Financial Summary

(\$ thousands)	2021/22 Estimate	2022/23 Forecast
Number of Students	6,052	5,882
Average Class Size	20.59	22.11
GSN Grant	1,029	974
Donation	0	0
Total Revenue	1,029	974
Instructors	1,315	1,203
Supply Staff	89	84
Subsidy	20	20
Total Expense	1,424	1,307
Surplus / (Deficit)	(395)	(333)

Notes:

1. Costs do not include indirect costs (administration).
2. 2021/22 ONSiS reporting is complete but not yet validated by the Ministry
3. No International Language funding received for students who opt out of the extended day program

Extended Day vs. After Hours Program

Draft Ministry Funding Request

The intent of this letter is to request additional funding to support the International Language Extended Day Program at York Catholic School Board.

YCDSB has recognized the importance of educational experiences involving International Languages since the early 1980 and offers Italian International Language