

French Immersion ENGAGEMENT



Fall 2023





Mary, the Mother of God

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (+). Amen.

Let us pray: Loving Father, you sent your Son into the world to redeem us by his Cross and Resurrection. Send your Spirit upon us today to make us stewards of your gifts and witnesses of your Son, Jesus Christ, in our schools and in our world.

We were created in your image and likeness; each of us a precious gift. Through the intercession of our Most Blessed Mother, Mary, the Mother of God, we ask you to protect and guide our students and staff; caring and watching over us at all times.

Come live in our hearts and strengthen us to love and serve you. Let us glorify your name, being kind and generous to everyone we meet. With Christ as our model and our teacher, we celebrate and witness our faith, learning together, working together, and praying together in answering the call to a faith-filled life of service.

We pray this through your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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Amen

Edmonton Catholic School Division Prayer



Treaty Six

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of Treaty 6 and home of Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4. We also acknowledge the Inuit and other diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors have marked this territory for centuries, a place that has welcomed many peoples from around the world to make their home here.

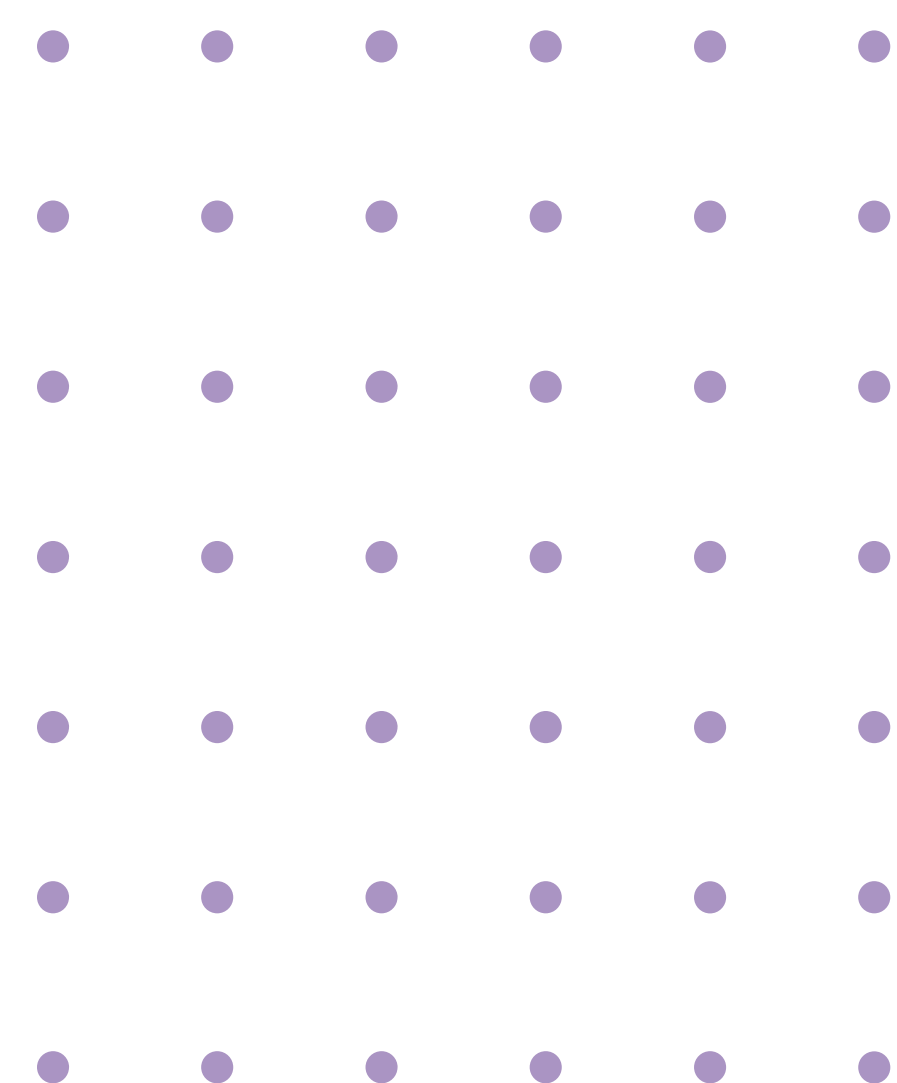
We, at Edmonton Catholic Schools, commit to restoring and honouring the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action; we strongly believe that truth must be acknowledged to move forward to reconciliation. Together we call upon all our collective communities to build a stronger understanding of all peoples who dwell on this land we call home.

WHY WE ARE HERE

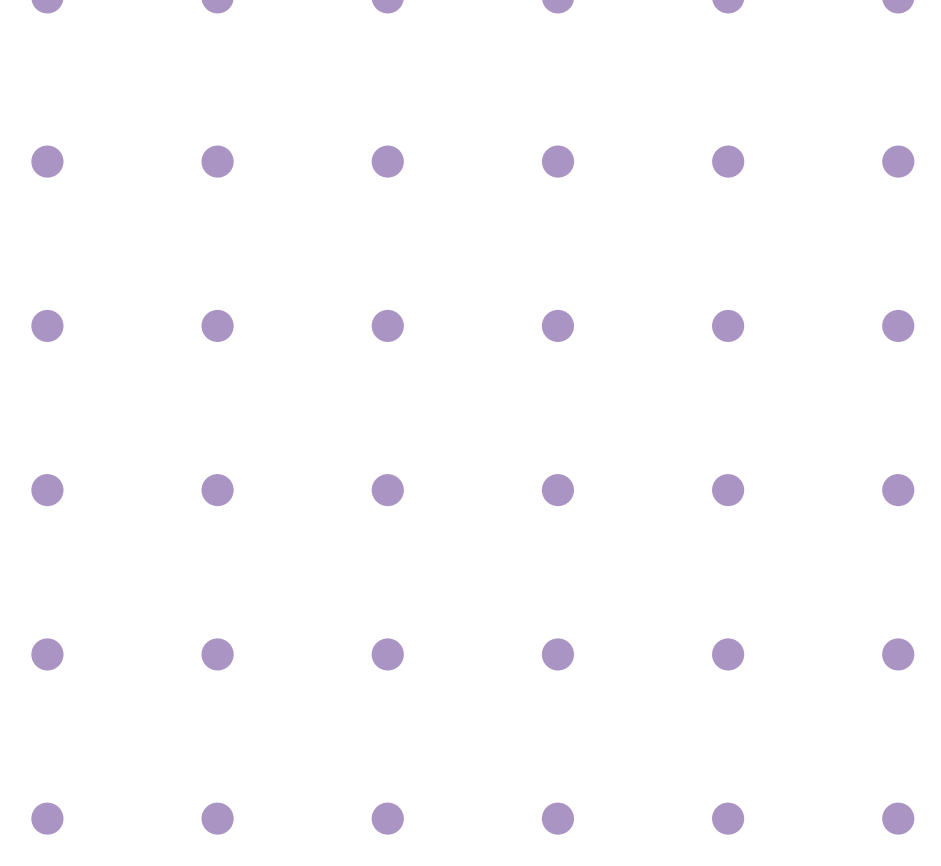
To understand:

- what you value about the French Immersion program
- what challenges exist entering and continuing French Immersion education
- how we can strengthen the program going forward

ECSD is committed to providing a strong educational experience to all our French Immersion students.



HOW TO ENGAGE

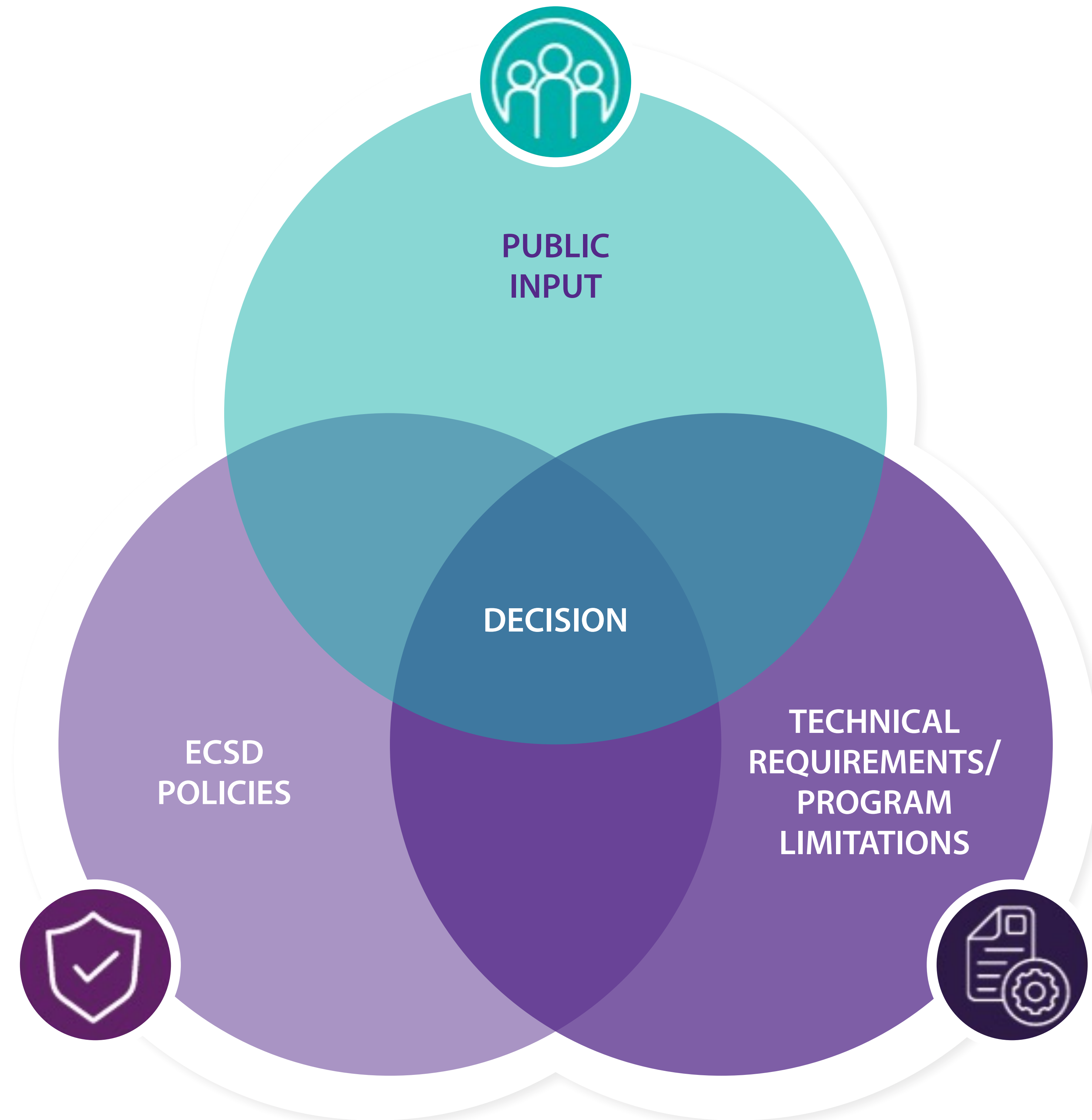


This is a self-guided, drop-in session.

1. Grab some sticky notes, dots, and pens.
2. Walk through each station and share your thoughts and ideas for each topic, answer questions, and provide comments.
3. Stick your sticky note to the board or add stars/dots to comments you agree with.
4. At the last station, get creative! Tell us a story through words or drawings or both about what you love in the French Immersion program.
5. Don't be afraid to ask questions! There are facilitators throughout the room ready to help.

Please keep conversations respectful. All voices have value. Bullying, harassment, and abusive behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated.

HOW INPUT WILL BE USED

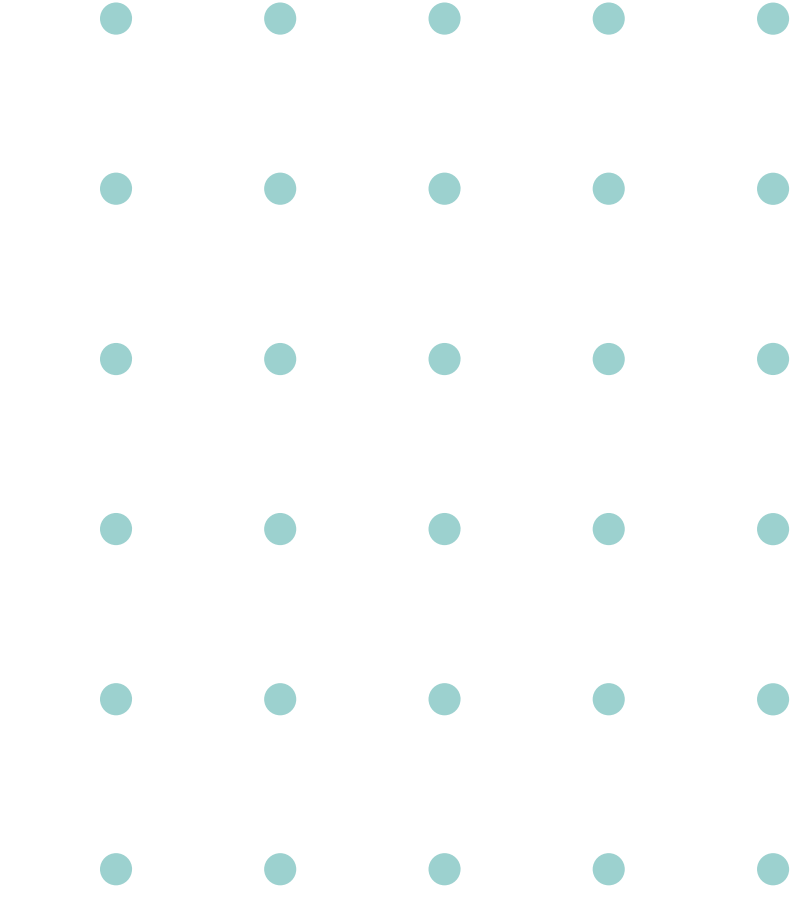


VALUES

First, we would like to learn about what you value in the French Immersion program.

Learning another language? Learning about another culture?

Add your thoughts and ideas below.



Place your sticky notes here

CURRENT STATE

As of September 29, 2023, ECSD has 3,619 Kindergarten to Grade 12 students enrolled in 12 different French Immersion sites.

Only 20% of students who start in Kindergarten graduate from Grade 12 in French Immersion.

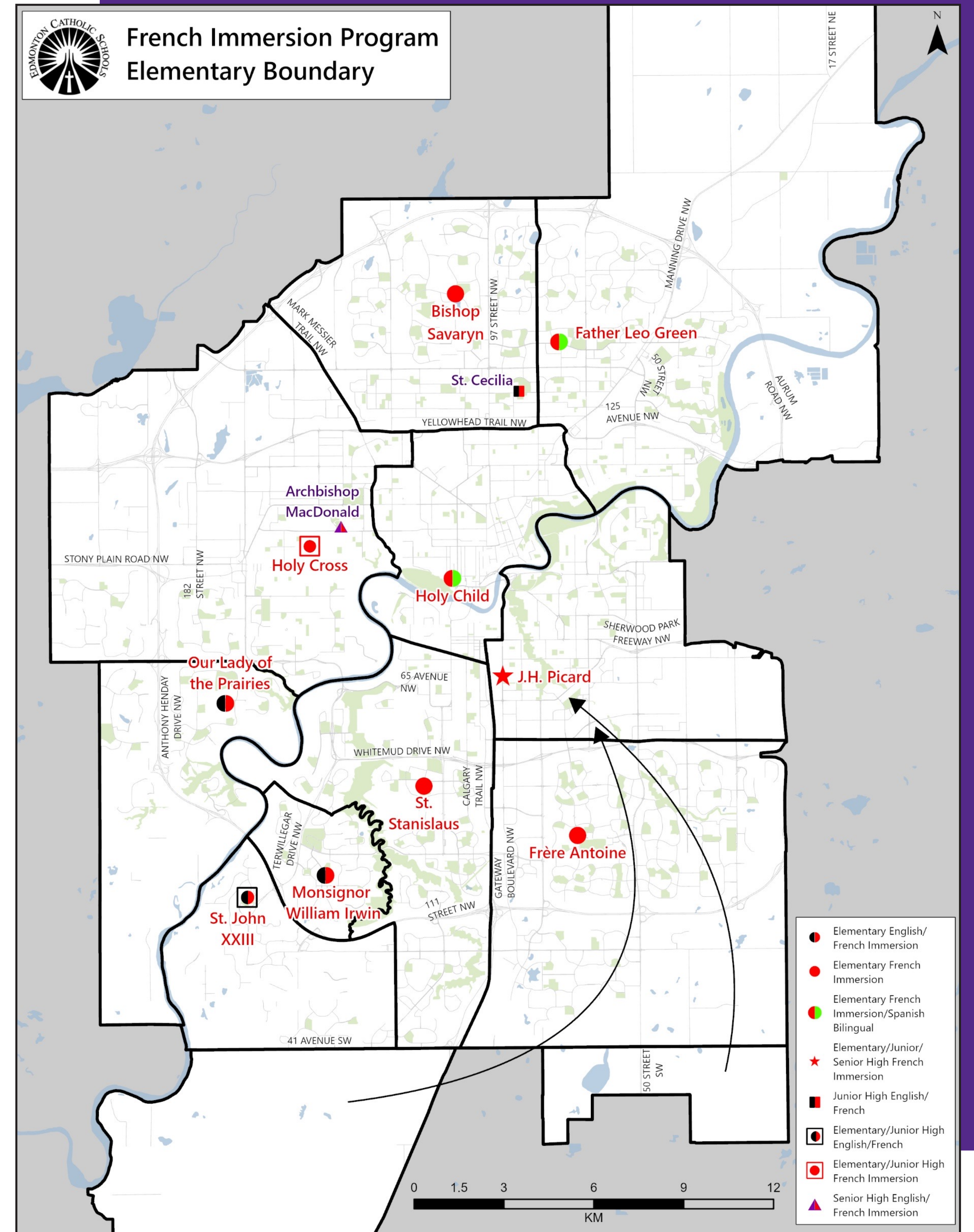
ECSD has single-track French Immersion schools.

ECSD has Kindergarten with Full-Day Programming at four French Immersion schools.

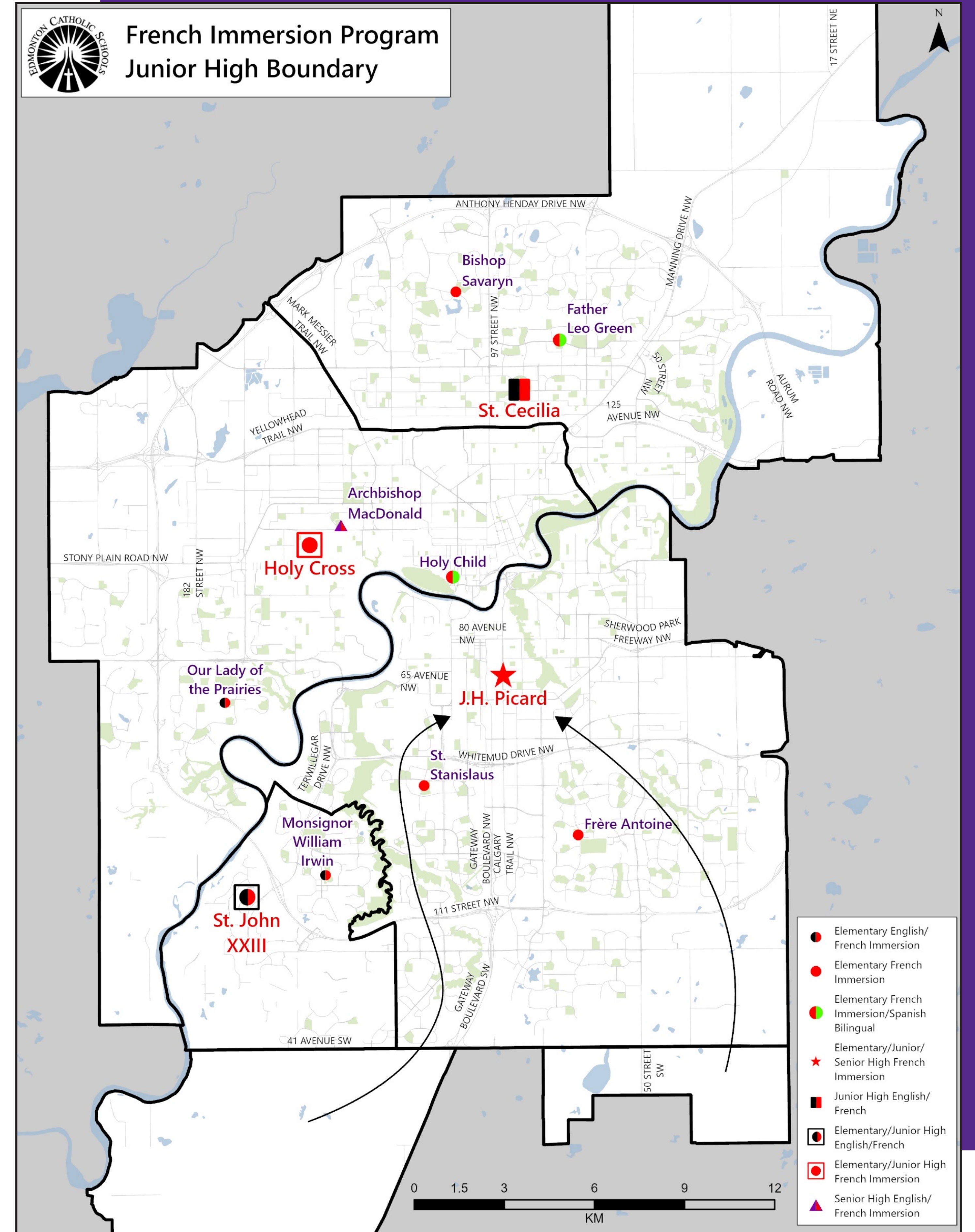




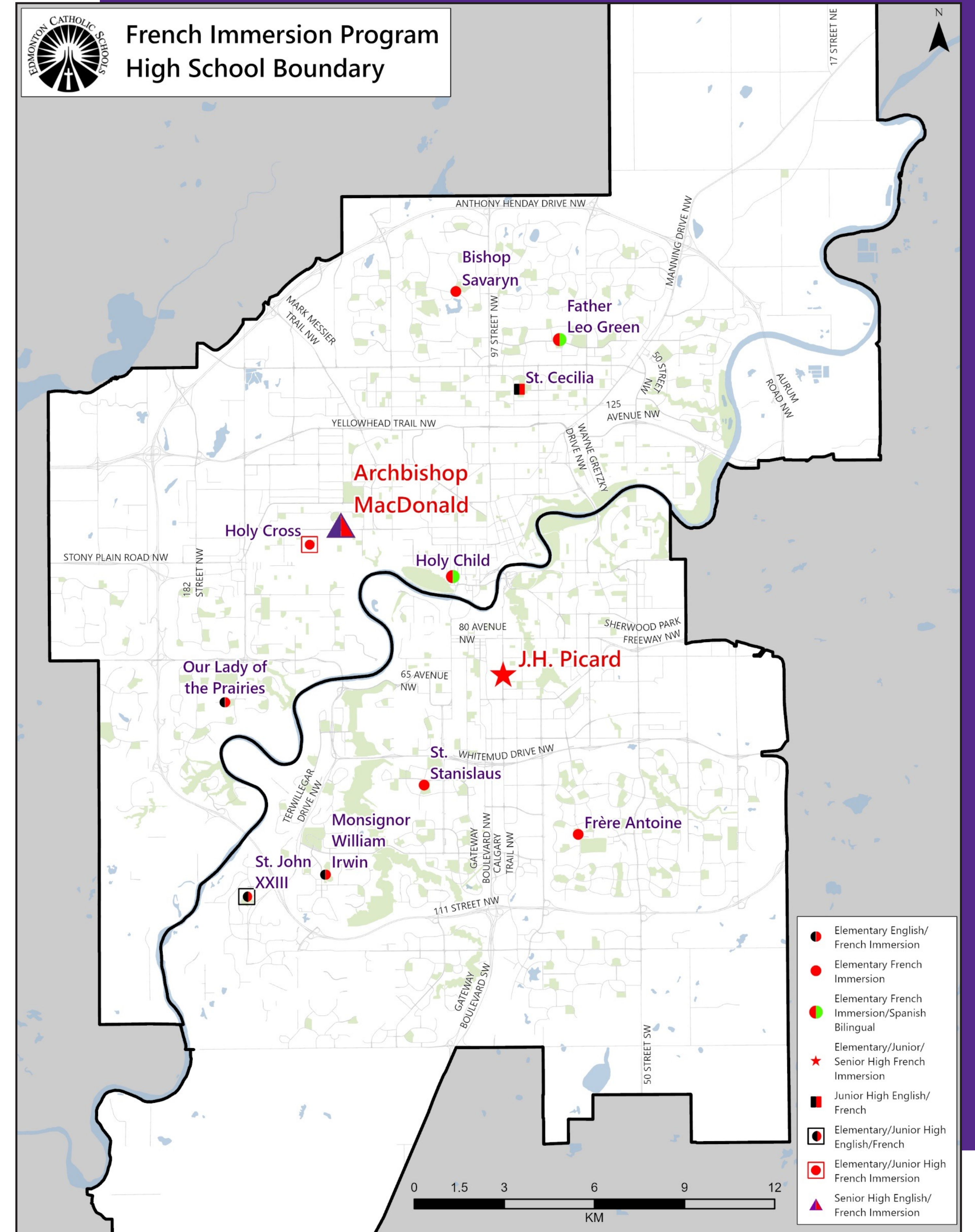
KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 6 BOUNDARIES



GRADE 7 TO GRADE 9 BOUNDARIES



GRADE 10 TO GRADE 12 BOUNDARIES



TRANSPORTATION

ECSD currently provides transportation to all French Immersion schools (yellow bus or ETS). Please indicate an acceptable bus travel time by placing a sticky dot in the appropriate box.

30 minutes or less	31 to 45 minutes	46 to 60 minutes	61 to 75 minutes	75 plus minutes

If you currently use the bus service, what is your current travel time?

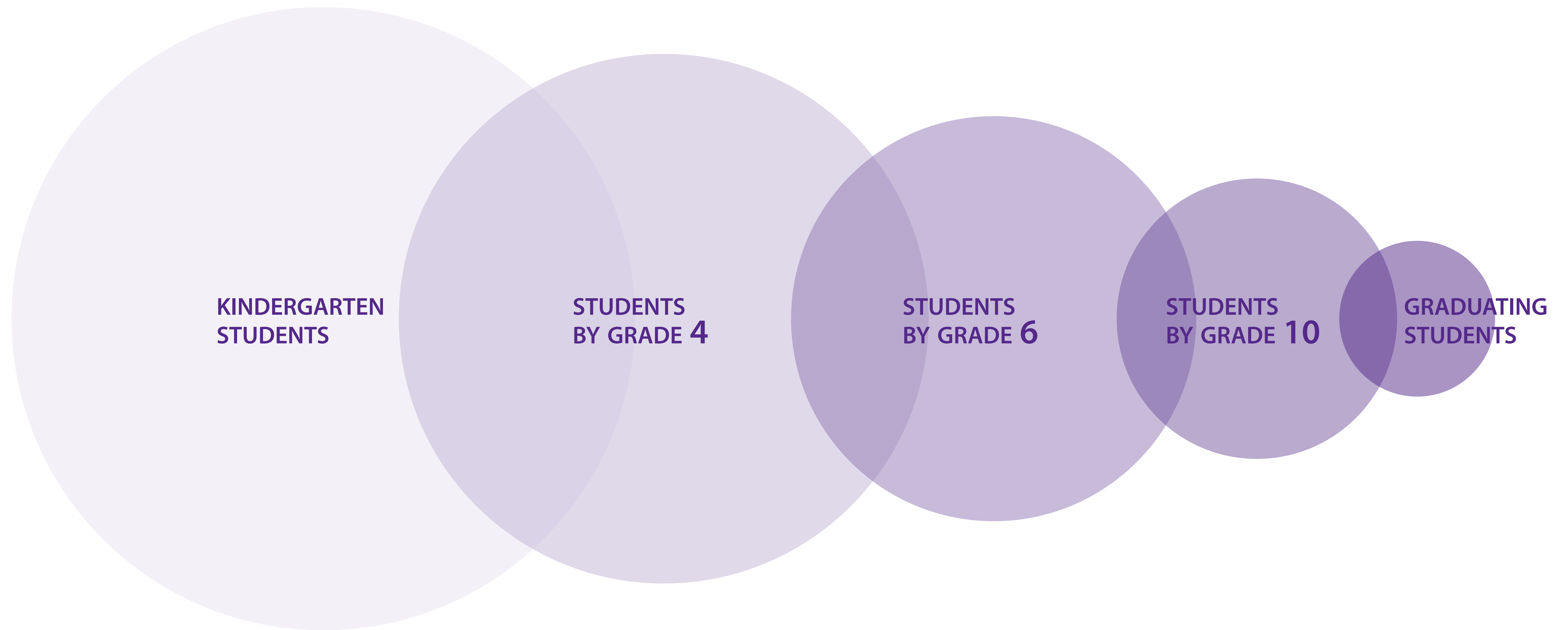
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Please provide any additional comments on transportation below:

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RETENTION CHALLENGES

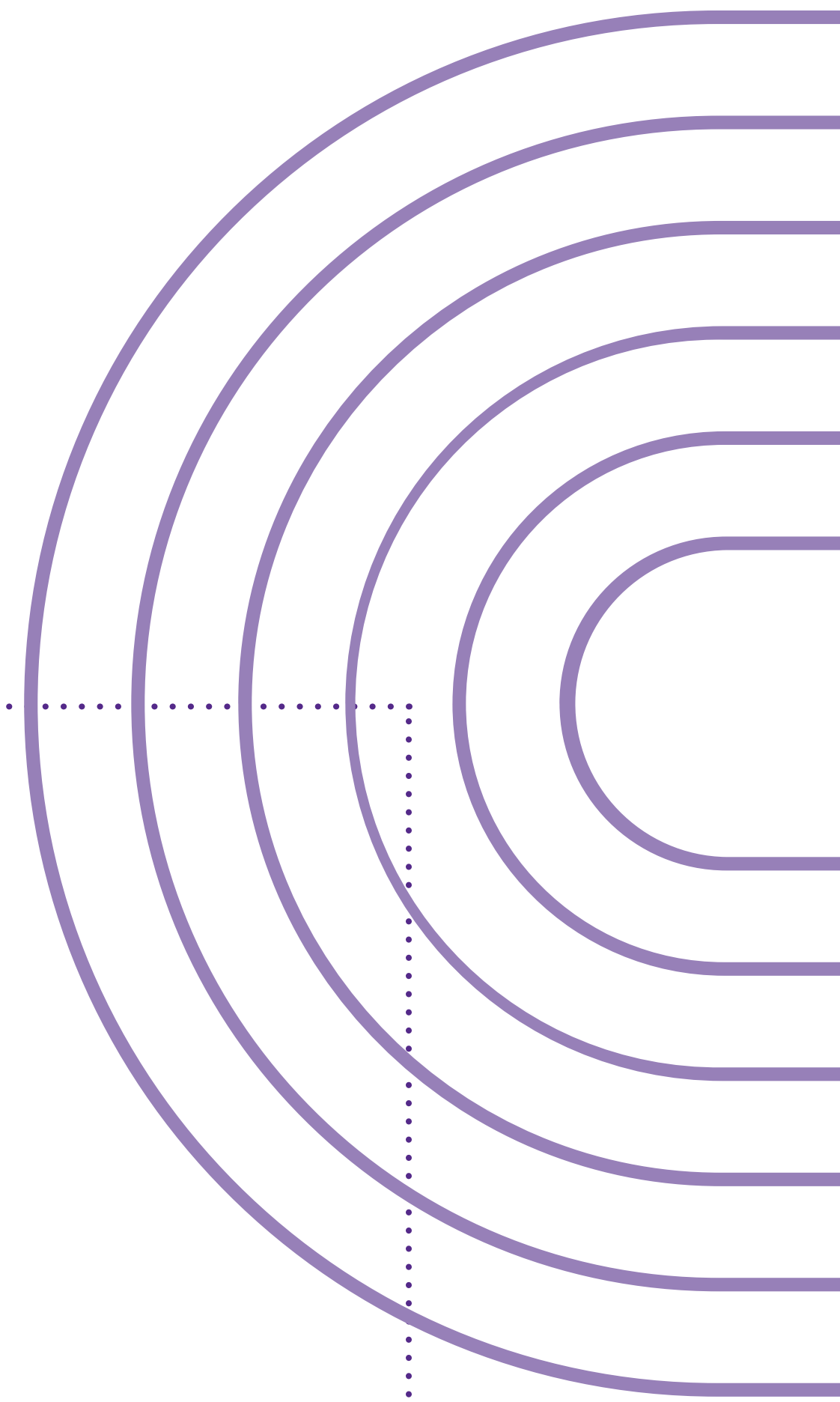
Enrolment in French Immersion is strong in the elementary years,
but only 20% of students complete the program through Grade 12.



RETENTION

What reason do students leave the program **before the end of Grade 6?**

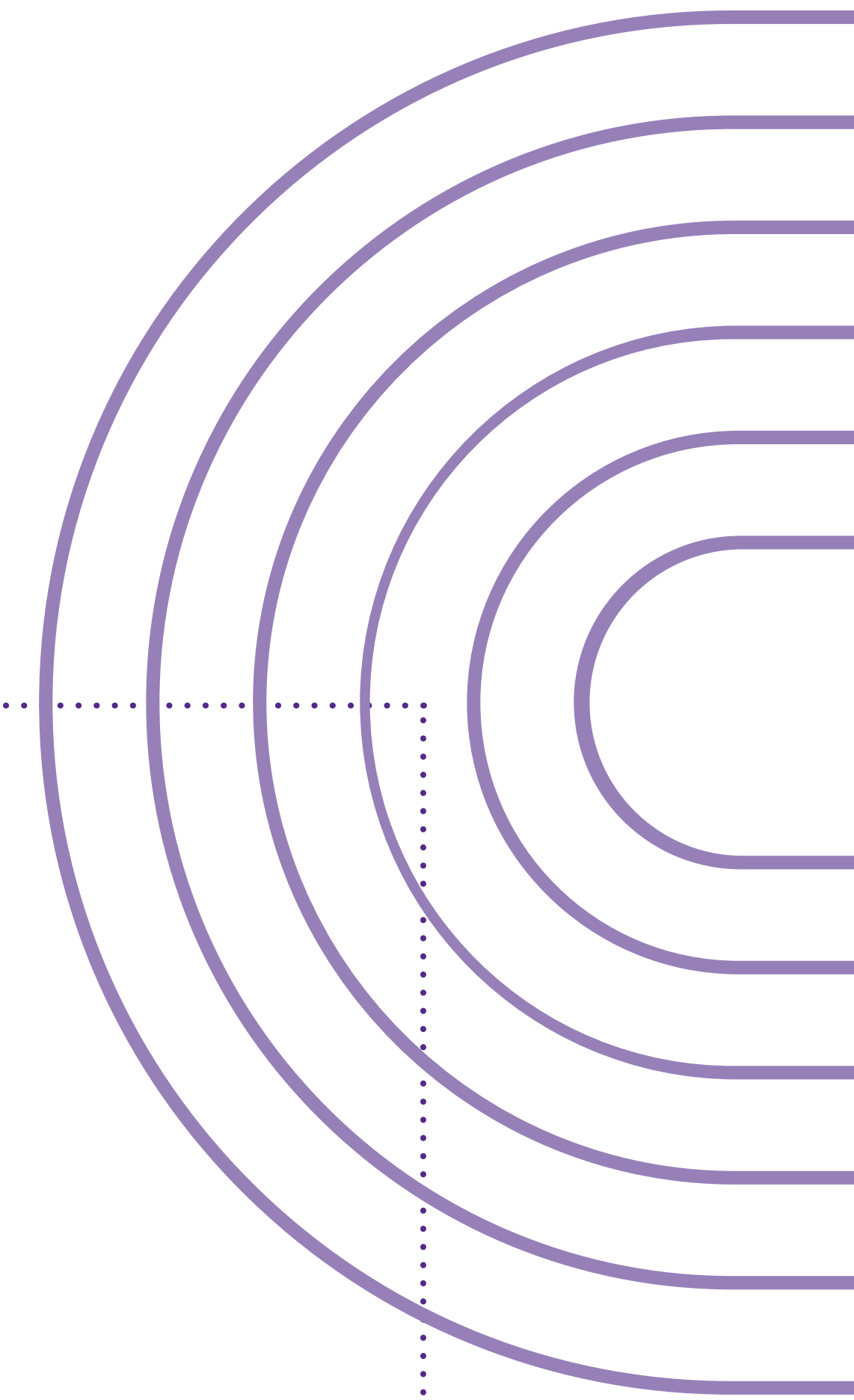
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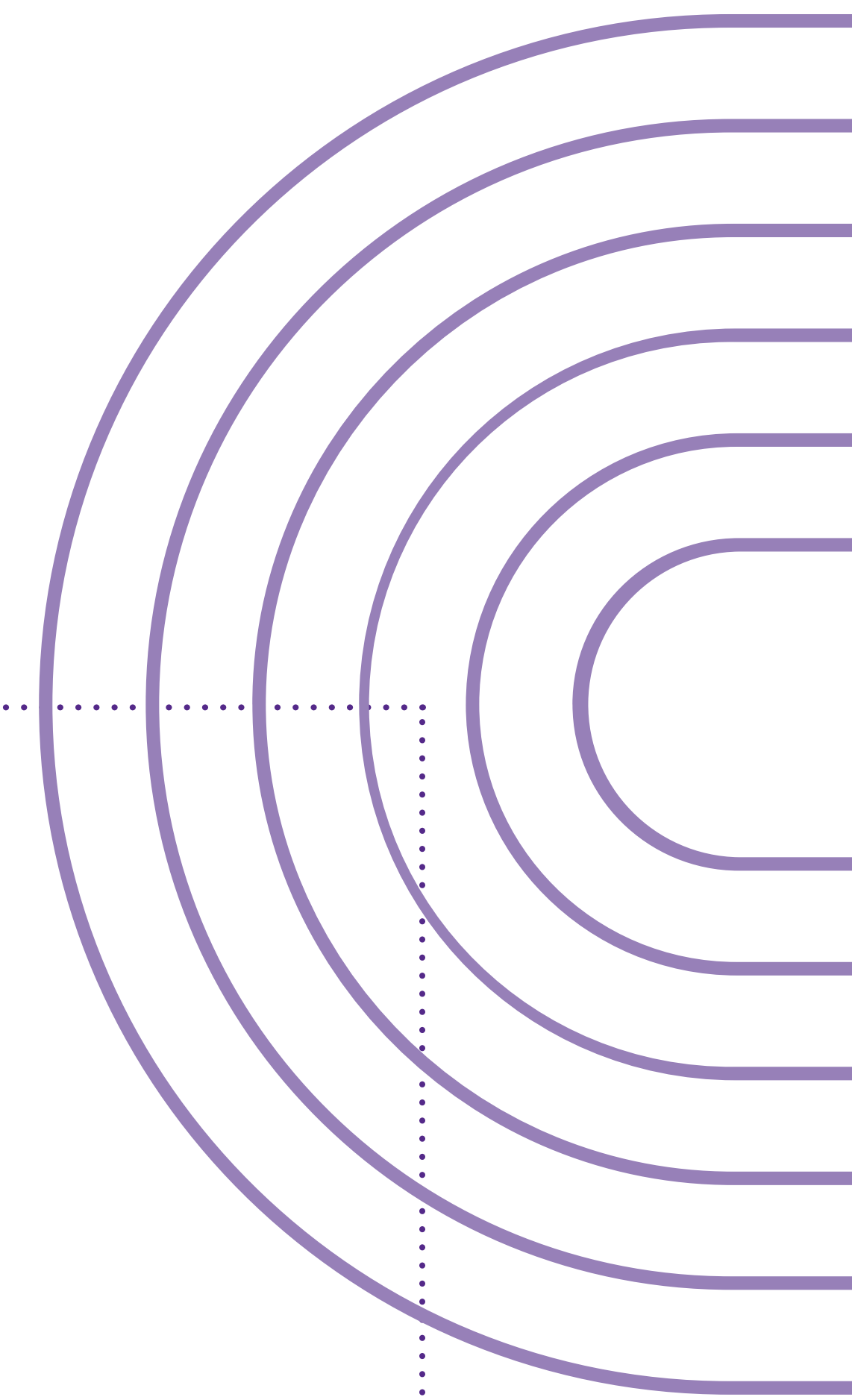
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RETENTION

What reasons do students leave the program **before the end of Grade 9?**

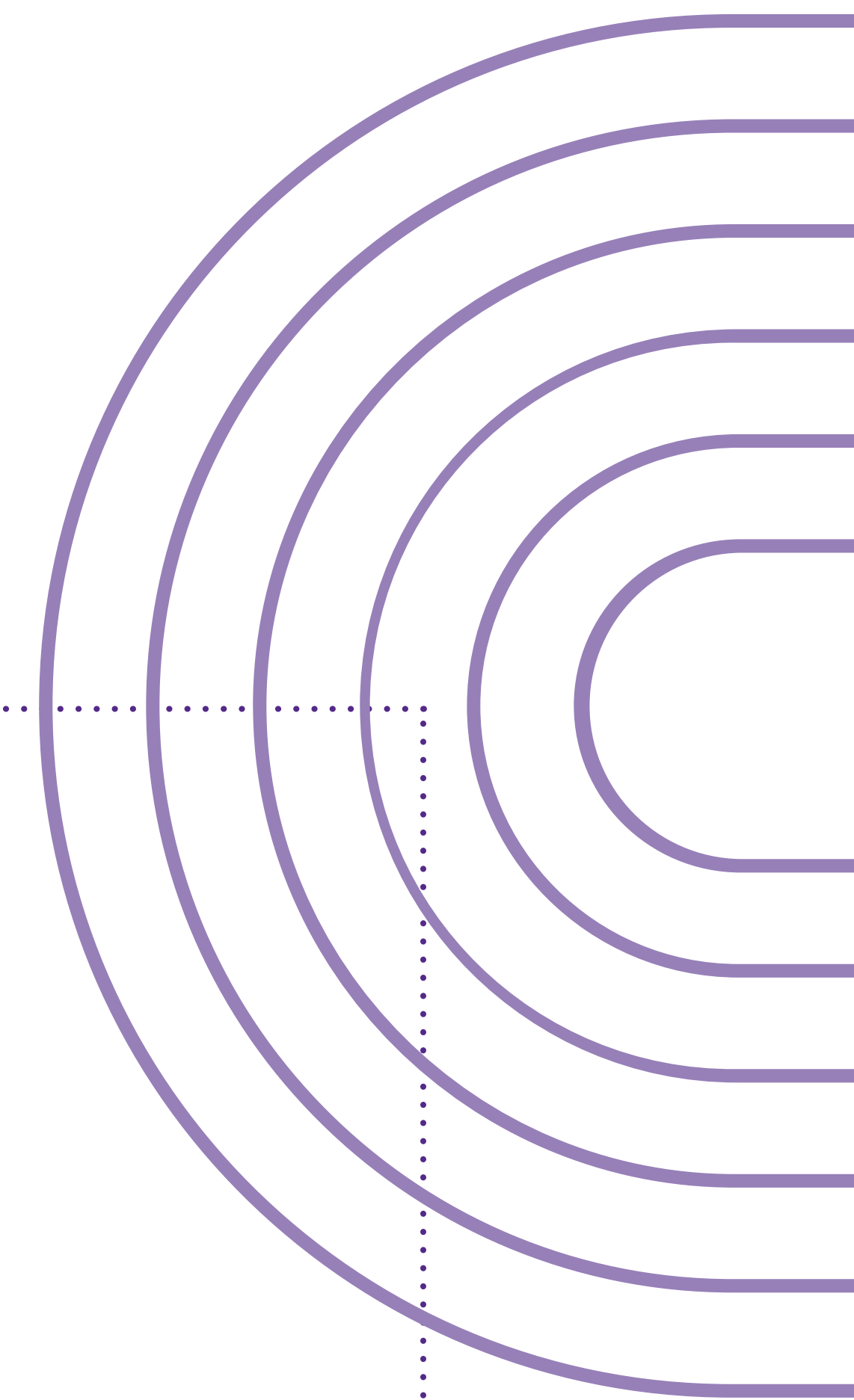
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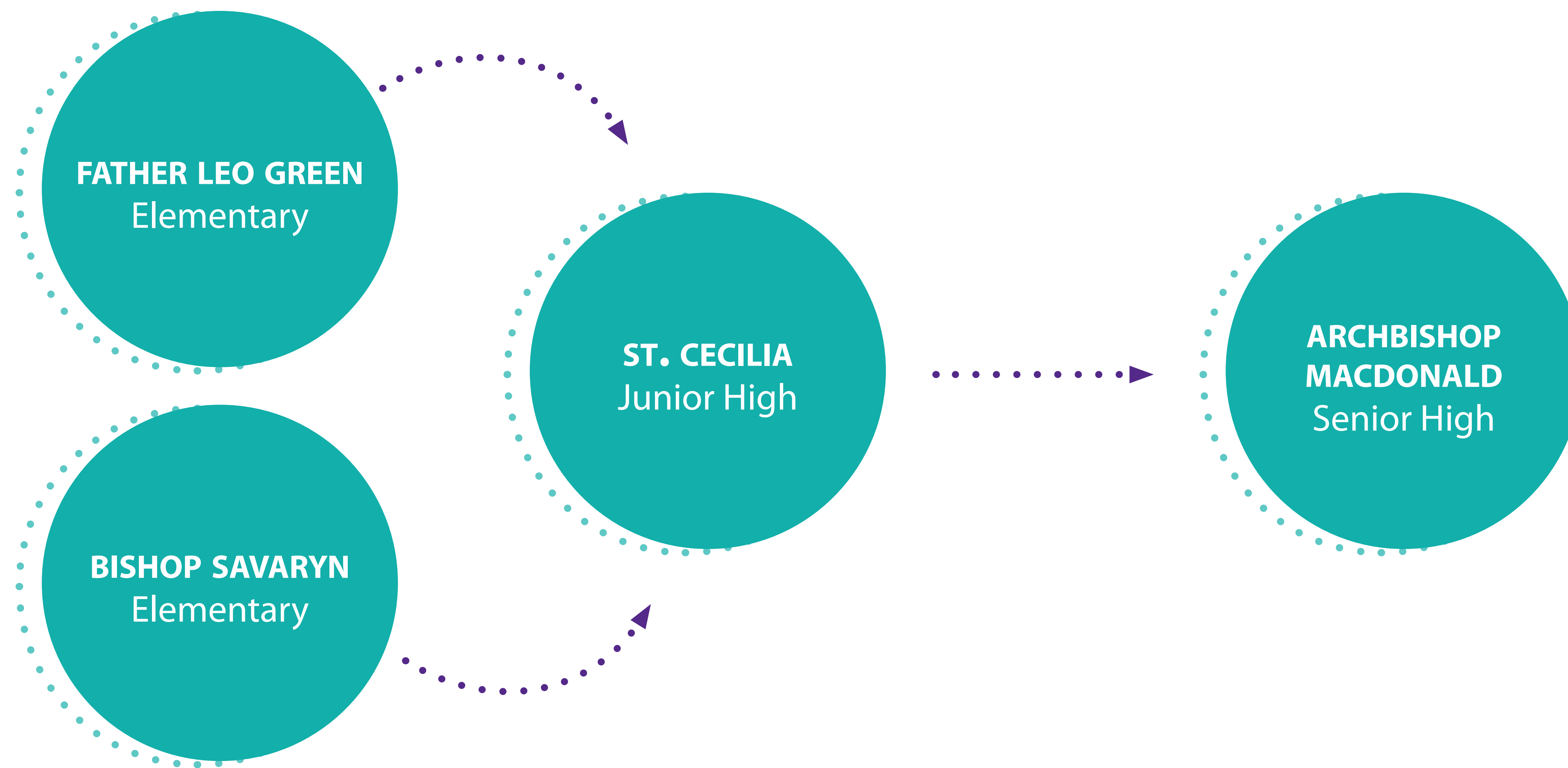
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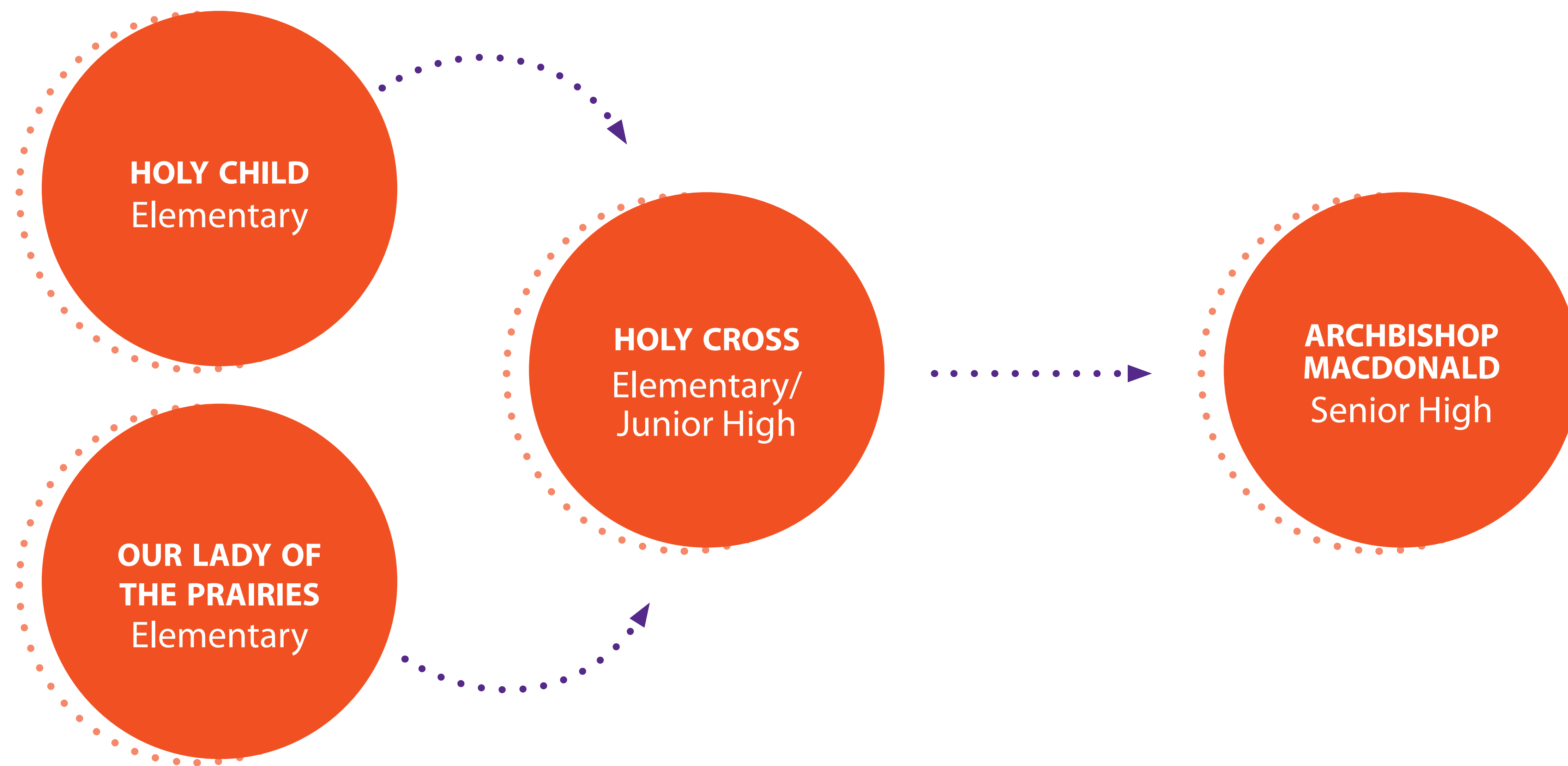
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CURRENT PATHWAYS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 NORTH SECTOR



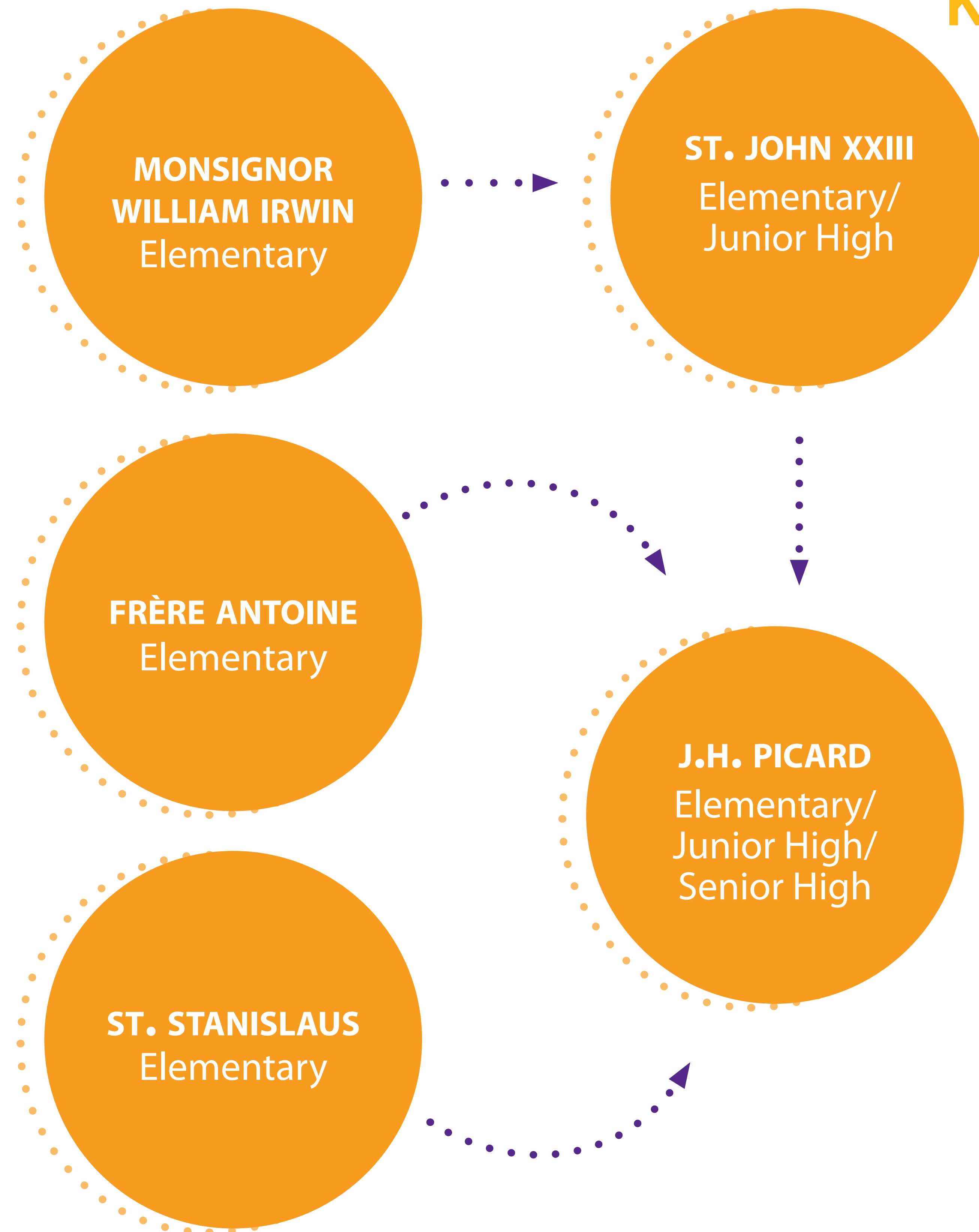
CURRENT PATHWAYS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12 CENTRAL SECTOR



CURRENT PATHWAYS FROM

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12

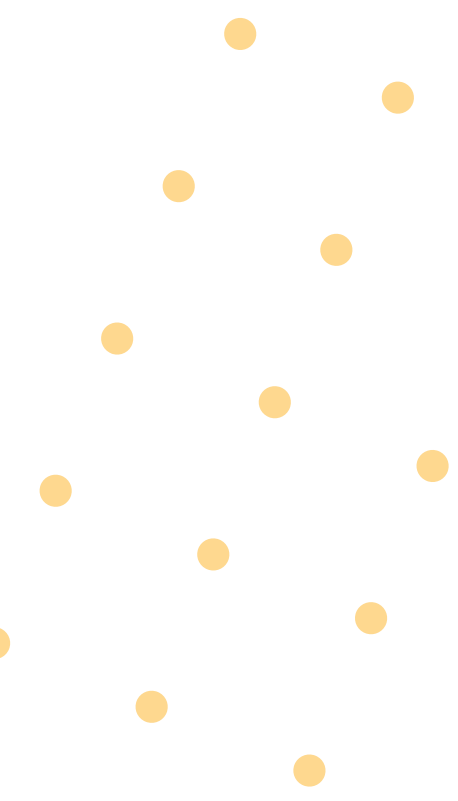
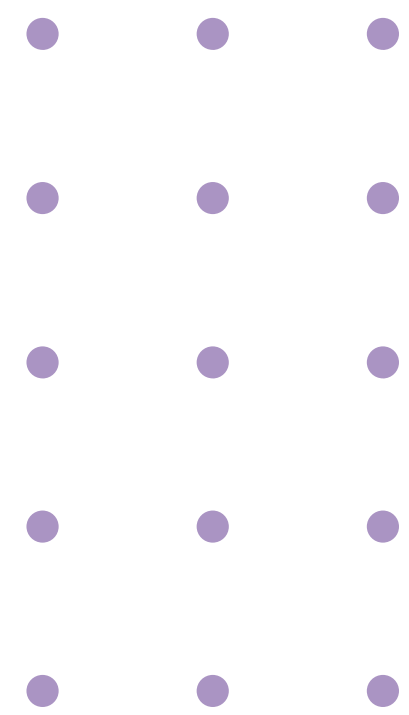
SOUTH SECTOR



PATHWAYS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12

Please provide any feedback you may have about the current pathways from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in French Immersion, what is working, what isn't working, what needs to be changed?

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PROGRAM EXPERIENCES

KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 6

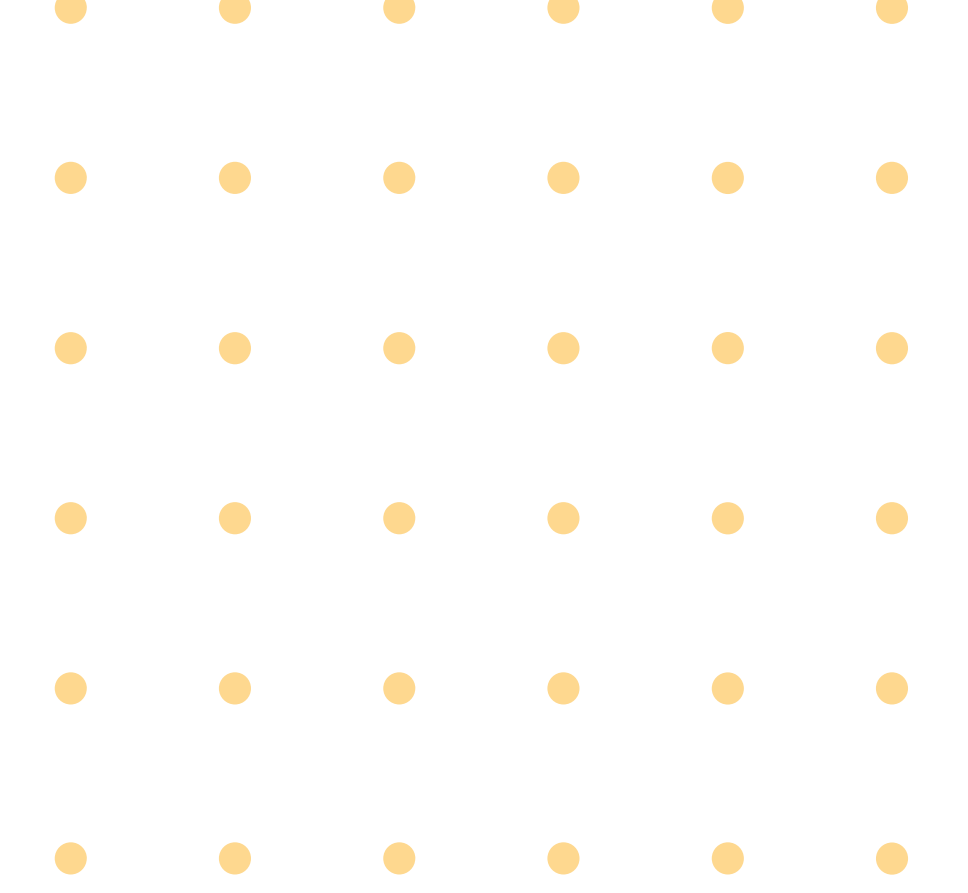
What additional experiences (cultural opportunities, course offerings, etc.) do you feel are important in the French Immersion program for Kindergarten to Grade 6?

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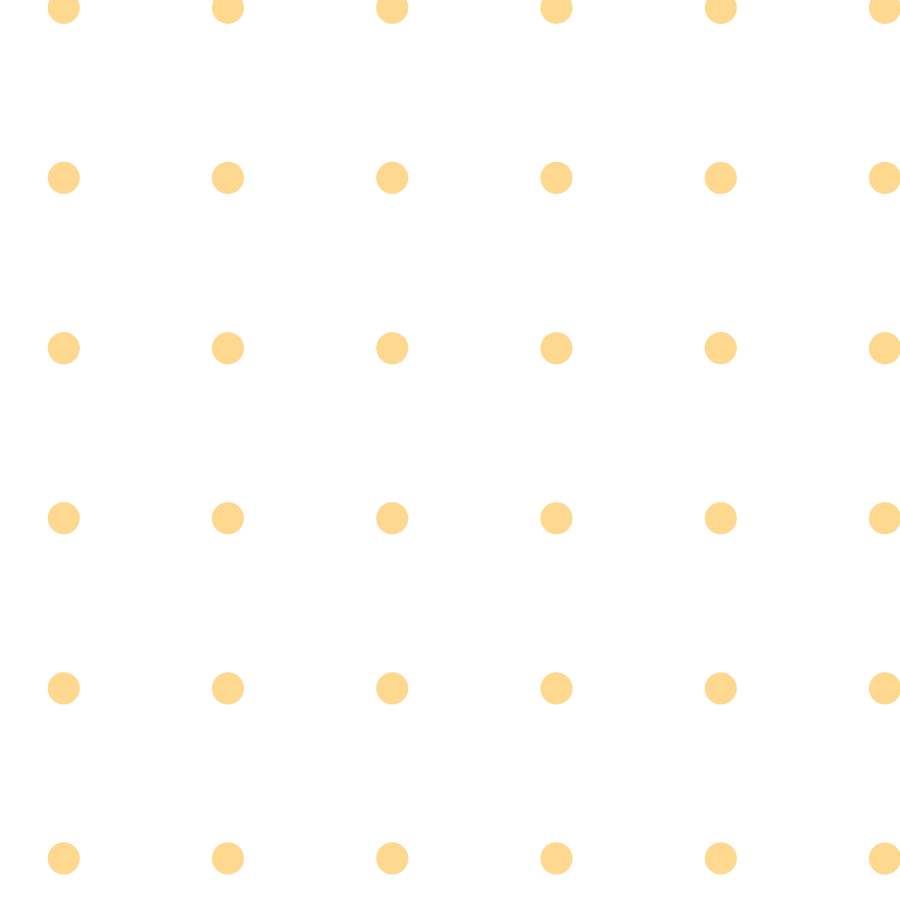
PROGRAM EXPERIENCES

GRADE 7 TO GRADE 9



What additional experiences (cultural opportunities, course offerings, etc.) do you feel are important in the French Immersion program for Grade 7 to Grade 9?

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PROGRAM EXPERIENCES

GRADE 10 TO GRADE 12

What additional experiences (cultural opportunities, course offerings, etc.) do you feel are important in the French Immersion program for Grade 10 to Grade 12?

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FINAL THOUGHTS

Is there anything else you would like to add that has not been captured elsewhere?

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NEXT STEPS

TAKE THE SURVEY

Have more to say or know someone who can't attend a session? Scan the QR code to take our survey or share it with others.



ECSD welcomes your support to encourage French Immersion families and partners to complete the survey and attend other engagement sessions.

December 5, 2023: Survey to all ECSD families closes.

Winter 2024: Second survey to all ECSD families.

Spring 2024: Report available.

ART CORNER

Share a story in words, a drawing, or both to tell us what you love about the French Immersion program.



Thank you
for attending



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