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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Elementary International Languages program is funded by the Ontario government. The goal of the language program is to encourage students to develop, maintain, and/or acquire a degree of fluency in the chosen language of study.

The York Region District School Board has developed a formal curriculum, SK-8, which follows the Ministry of Ontario learning expectations for second language instruction. Information about this curriculum is available from the Site Administrator at the International Language school site. In addition, report cards are issued to report on a student's progress and achievement, consistent with Ministry requirements for evaluation.

Teachers and Administrators rely heavily on parents and guardians to ensure the success of the International Languages program. Parents and guardians can assist in the development and maintenance of a successful language program by making sure that their child:

- attends on a regular basis,
- arrives on time,
- understands the value of knowing a second or third language
- and is given opportunities to practice his or her language skills outside of the classroom.

Parents and guardians support their child's academic success when they develop a positive attitude towards learning in the International Language classes.

We look forward to another successful program in the 2016-2017 school year. Please contact your local Site Administrator if you have further questions, or contact the International Languages Office with your concerns (905) 884-2046 ext. 242.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ivy Chan'.

Ivy Chan
Principal