

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ms. McPhee, Minister of Education



1. On March 11, 2020, Mr. Kent, Member for Copperbelt South

asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) 1007 of *Hansard*

submitted the following written question – WQ No. _____

gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. _____

RE: French Immersion Enrolment

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with (Member) _____ on _____ related to:

Bill No. _____ Second Reading Third Reading
 Committee of the Whole: (eg: Vote 15) _____

Motion No. _____ RE: _____

at page(s) _____ of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

Please see attached.

March 18, 2020
Date

[Signature]
Signature

Q: Can the minister confirm that a lottery was held? How many applicants were in the lottery and how many spaces were available?

Selkirk Elementary

A lottery for French Immersion Kindergarten was held for Selkirk Elementary on February 27, 2020. There were 43 applicants for 36 spots in French immersion kindergarten at this school. 19 had siblings already attending the school and were given a place directly. The remaining 24 applicants were put in the lottery for 17 spaces, leaving 7 children on the wait list.

Whitehorse Elementary

A lottery for French Immersion Kindergarten was held for Whitehorse Elementary on February 28, 2020. There were 64 applicants for 54 spots in French immersion at this school. 28 had siblings already attending the school and were given a place directly. The remaining 36 applicants were put in the lottery for 26 spaces, leaving 10 children on the wait list.

Parents of successful applicants were notified of their acceptance in the school and asked to notify the department by March 6, 2020 to confirm their places in the program and the steps to complete their child's registration.

Parents of unsuccessful applicants were notified that places may open after March 6, 2020, and that they could leave their child's name on the wait list; and advised to apply to their attendance area school to ensure they have a place in Kindergarten.

Wait list numbers change as people add their child to the list or take them off.

Additional space in Early French Immersion opens in the Grade 1 year, when class sizes are larger, and in Grade 6 through the Late French Immersion program.