

## **Quotes on the importance of transportation to French Immersion Programs**

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“Since they operate only in selected centres, French Immersion programs are wholly dependent on the ability of students to get to the sites. The argument for providing transportation to such programs in most school boards is based on program viability and program equity. Without transportation, programs are threatened or become the preserve of the privileged.”

Former trustee with the York Region District School Board in Ontario, Trustee Cooper:  
“If we are going to offer them the program, we have to give them wheels.”

Former trustee with the York Region District School Board in Ontario, Trustee Wakeling: “My bottom line is I don’t want the ‘have’ students to get it (the FI program) and the ‘have not’ students to lose out.”