Examine the option of transferring grade P-6 students from George D. Lewis School to Riverside and establish G. D. Lewis School as a late French Immersion School.

**Considerations**

The Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board has maintained a long standing commitment to offering students the option at the junior high school level of receiving instruction in the late French Immersion Program. The uptake of this option in the Riverview Family of Schools and Sydney Family of Schools has been such that the initial program for late French Immersion Program established at Malcolm Munroe Junior High has been expanded to Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High. Between the two instructional settings there are seventeen (17) classes of late immersion in place involving 164 grade 7's, 144 grade 8's, and 119 grade 9's.

Louisbourg has enjoyed a French presence since the founding of the French colonies in the 1600's. Today the Fortress of Louisbourg stands as a testimony to that presence and to the contributions of the French in the areas of language and culture on our island. The proximity of the fortress to G. D. Lewis School and the availability of personnel, artifacts, and the opportunity for cultural experiences position the school well to serve as an Immersion Center.