Examine the option of retaining the late French Immersion Program at Whitney Pier Memorial.

**Considerations**

When amalgamation occurred in 1995-1996 the Cape Breton District School Board had maintained a long standing tradition of late French Immersion in the Riverview Family of schools but open to students from various communities within the district. Since that time the late French Immersion Program has been extended to the Sydney Family of Schools (Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High) and the Northside Family of Schools (Sydney Mines Junior High School).

Student from the New Waterford, Sydney, and Glace Bay Families of Schools are now being served by Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High School. Seven classes totalling 165 students currently attend the late French Immersion Program at Whitney Pier Memorial Junior High.

The inclusion of the late French Immersion program at Whitney Pier memorial Junior High has added another dimension to an already rich cultural/educational environment. The community values the late French Immersion program as an integral part of education in the school and broader community.

The Looking Inward process has enkindled a renewed interest in French Immersion across the Board. The Whitney Pier Memorial School Community views itself as a mainstay in the provision of this service to students involved in the Late French Immersion Program and wishes to remain involved in providing this service to students in the future.