

We are a little more than one month into the school year and now have our official September 30 count of 93 full-time equivalent students. This puts us very close to the Minister of Education's expectation that we reach an enrolment of 100 students as soon as possible. It is a great pleasure to have all of these students here, ready for learning. In order to respond to the educational needs of this healthy student population, the Charter Board passed a motion at the October meeting to add two half-time teacher assistants to support the grade 3 /4 and 5/6 classes in the morning. It was also noted, any further registrations will be carefully assessed by Superintendent Freddi Bromling for their educational impacts before new students would be accepted. In addition, knowing that we will continue to grow as we expand into grade nine next September, and will, therefore, need access to the classroom that now houses the Valhalla Community Library, plans continue to add extra space.

Meanwhile, thank you to our staff for their hard work and dedication to the vision of our school. Our Charter Board has been given the mandate to deliver an innovative program grounded in whole-group direct instruction and incorporating mandatory second language and student leadership development. These people are the ones on the front lines that have been given the challenge of doing what needs to be done to carry out these charter goals. We truly appreciate their energy and effort in this venture.