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Subject: **Structured Literacy Implementation**

**BACKGROUND:**

In April, 2022, The Board received a report entitled Shifting the Balance in Literacy Instruction: Structured Literacy.

The ongoing meetings of the Right to Read Team have further developed an integrated, multidisciplinary K-12 approach. The current key initiatives of this team are to develop a 3 year implementation plan as well as a comprehensive communication plan. These efforts will ensure that our plan is both inclusive and well understood by all stakeholders. Curriculum and Special Education are working together to move forward in an integrated manner, learning more about Tier 1 programming to inform the continued development of Tier 2 strategies.

There is a great deal of interest in structured literacy implementation. While it continues to be a challenging time to release staff for professional learning, we have had the opportunity to engage in learning in virtual sessions with principals and vice principals, program resource teachers through their cluster meetings as well as 100 educators in a series of after school sessions.

Our initial year of implementation has offered a number of ways to engage with structured literacy learning. The St. Clair Staff Hub reflects our journey and offers a consistent system wide portal for new learning and resources. Many staff across the system have learned elements of structured literacy through their involvement in tutoring. Training for the summer learning staff, including teachers, educational assistants and well being team members will deepen their understanding of using a structured literacy approach in camp this year.

Representatives from the K-12 Catholic Learning Services team will share some of the initial data, key learning and feedback as we reflect on our initial implementation and next steps. We are pleased to bring the voices of students, educators and parents to you this evening.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**Motion: That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report *Structured Literacy Implementation* for information.**