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Making Room for Everyone in the Community Classroom

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Each wave of immigration makes its mark on a diaspora community whether those waves are separated by 50 years or only one or two years.

Since Ukraine became independent, Canada has received two waves of immigrants from Ukraine: the first consisted of Ukrainian professionals and skilled workers who arrived during the first two decades of this century; and the second consists of migrants fleeing the Russian war in Ukraine in 2022-23.

How have these immigrations marked the Ukrainian language, culture and education landscape within the Ukrainian Canadian community? Through a series of online surveys and interviews, offered in either English or Ukrainian, we have gathered data that points to an era of shifting directions within Ukrainian community schools. This paper will describe some of the stabilities, transformations and challenges emerging and offer recommendations for future directions.