

**From:** [Karen Matthews](#)  
**To:** [Karen Matthews](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Summer program complaint  
**Date:** June 25, 2024 1:57:04 PM

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**From:** Andr ea Coutu  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2024 4:42 PM  
**To:** Trustees <Trustees@sd68.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Summer program complaint

**CAUTION:** External Message

Dear Trustees:

Today, I saw the following SD68 post on Facebook. See

[https://www.sd68.bc.ca/summer-programs-2024/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2M0Fru5qdydrUZMbnbnEpfbilQGiy3lkwO\\_8ziC3vdSnBNEIMXkpEMGI\\_aem\\_-LmATN-MCbUwf9HXW1nzXA](https://www.sd68.bc.ca/summer-programs-2024/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2M0Fru5qdydrUZMbnbnEpfbilQGiy3lkwO_8ziC3vdSnBNEIMXkpEMGI_aem_-LmATN-MCbUwf9HXW1nzXA)

I have also attached the screenshot.

“\* If your child receives 1 on 1 support at school, please contact us, parents may be required to provide the same support during the program.”

This is blatant discrimination. It is your district that is obligated to provide supports for disabled students. This statement is also intimidating, creates systems navigation barriers, implies financial obligation or labour by the parent, and has a comma splice.

Your district has an obligation to support all students and should not be enrolling any without making sure these students can be enrolled first.

While I have your attention, I would like you to look at the registration process.

Your form doesn't ask for any support information, other than a short blurb for allergies.

There's also no space for pronouns or other support information and you don't ask the parent's name, just their contact number.

The form also directs people to register and then to RSVP, which can be confusing for people with disabilities.

Moreover, your intake form is not particularly phone-friendly and families facing financial and disability barriers are the most likely to be registering on a mobile device. This is also true of Indigenous families, who may also face other technology infrastructure barriers. Having consulted in this area, I feel obligated to point it out.

Please promptly address this discrimination and these barriers.

Andr ea Coutu

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I gratefully acknowledge that I primarily live and work on the traditional territories of the Snuneymuxw Nation.

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\*Programs intended for School District 68 students

\*For subsidy, please contact  
communityschoolssummerbreak@sd68.bc.ca

\*Minimum notice of 72 hours required for refund

\*Programs may be cancelled due to low registration

\* If your child receives 1 on 1 support at school, please contact us, parents may be required to provide the same support during the program

\*Please make sure your child comes prepared for the program, including a water bottle, proper footwear, and sun protection if necessary

# Pricing is per child

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