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Dear members of the school board.

I've just received information that the board is considering cancelling the Late French Immersion Program at Quarterway.

I would like to say that both my children attended this program. We live on Gabriola and so Kindergarten French Immersion was not an option for us. It was a fantastic opportunity for both of them to attend French Immersion which I think is such a great opportunity to learn French and to stimulate young minds.

I don't really think any of the reasons are valid enough to cancel this very valuable program. I see the enrolment numbers are variable but not decreasing. At one point there was a lottery to get in because there were more applicants than spaces.

I feel like saving money is not a valid reason to cancel this program. It's much too important. The advantages for these kids are definitely worth it.

The impact on NDSS - NDSS has been overcrowded for years and to use this as an excuse to cancel this very valuable program is unfair.

Although my children have already passed through this program, please reconsider this decision. Closing the program would be detrimental to the children of Nanaimo.

Thank you for listening.

Patricia Leather  
Gabriola, BC

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