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CAUTION: External Message

I'm taken aback that the board of SD68 is planning a sneaky cut to Quarterway Elementary without stakeholder consultation, right before Christmas break, and out of no where. Our school is reeling from being blindsided by this last week.

The SD68 board is planning on cutting the Late French Immersion program at tomorrow's meeting. On the surface it might sound like, "Oh that's not a big deal," but when you look a bit deeper, it has big, negative impacts on the school and broader community.

They have given NO consultation period and have really disingenuous numbers. They claim it costs \$420k per year for two classes. They fail to mention that the kids in those classes have ministry funding like all other kids, so that funding will follow those kids to other schools if LFI is cut. They also failed to mention that two teachers will lose their jobs, causing a cascade of bumping in our school. Quarterway will also lose our vice principal. Currently a lot of the time our principal is a stand in for teachers and on the school ground as well as doing admin work.

If this cut happens we will be down three staff in our school and our principal will not be available to our students, which will have negative impact on our kids. Quarterway only has four EAs and the school board cut

their hours this year and this board is proposing to cut staffing at our school even further. My son has ADHD and needs a lot of support - he has no fundings and I'm worried about will happen to his education and development if you go through with this cut.

The school board has a ministry obligation to consult the community on this and they have NOT done this at all. Their approach is contrary to this SD68 board policy:

“Board leadership is guided by respectful consideration of diverse viewpoints, thoughtful gathering and meaningful interpretation of information...” and that “The Board maintains its approach to governance by its commitment to ...respectful, meaningful, and continuous public engagement (defined as: To hear, understand, and give voice to the views and aspirations of parents, communities, staff and other stakeholders in planning and policy development.”

I am asking you vote against this cut tomorrow. It is absolutely unfair!!!

Louise Gilfoy

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