

Subject: Support for Late French Immersion

Dec. 17, 2024

Dear Trustees of the Nanaimo Ladysmith School District,

As both a parent and an engaged member of this community, I am deeply concerned about the proposed cancellation of the Late French Immersion program in our district. This decision seems to overlook the growing needs of our town and the increasing demand for diverse, high-quality educational opportunities.

Eliminating such a program undermines the values of equity, inclusion, and diversity that we strive to uphold. Taking away access to an enriching academic program sends the wrong message—that cultural education and academic excellence are not priorities in our schools.

Furthermore, I challenge the justification of cutting the program based solely on budget constraints or enrollment figures. If it provides value and benefits to the students who are enrolled, why eliminate it? I strongly believe that alternative solutions should be brought forward to address the budget shortfalls that do not have such a negative impact on the needs of the students.

This decision feels short-sighted and misaligned with the needs of our students and our community. I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposal and explore alternatives that would allow this vital program to continue. Our students deserve the opportunities and resources necessary for a well-rounded education.

Sincerely,

Nicola Dickson



Community Member and Parent