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Subject: To each of you with power and sway in these matters, please know our community cares about language, about the possibility for jobs working for government and the French language being an asset in our children's future prospects. I'm sorry I can't easi...

CAUTION: External Message

Most of my ancestors spoke French, I am the first and second generation not to. I did attend program Cadre in 1986 to 1989. Those were fun years! I gave social anxiety stemming from math races, I had a lot of trouble with spelling when I switched to Errington elementary mid way through grade 3. They had opted for music and French had been cut. Little did I know that music would be cut, and supplies funding, teachers would suddenly face losing a staff member with something like 2 hours notice, unless they agreed to add a new program with zero funding to put even high risk student in district 69 in one room together. I am horrified anyone who was voted for would support cutting late entry French from Quarterway. I knew kids in that school, my family attended strong start there, I admire the huge play space and interesting playground equipment visible from Bowen rd, as well as ever changing art installations on the chain link fence. I tried to put my kids in French and was unable to. I even tried the Francophone school, but alas my Mother did not speak to me in French, even though my Dad did I didn't qualify. My kids study in Hukemenu schools as a result. My Daughter did try Cedar elementary last year and had some French instruction, which was fun, I remember in middle school I loved French which was probably kindergarten level! Please don't create a cascade of bumped staff, it's horrible find a way to do away with that system. I lived with a librarian, and rented from a teacher when these things were affecting their lives, increasing stress and reducing stability. Keep French an option! These late entry kids parents have probably been trying and waiting for the next chance to enroll. I think it's ridiculous we can't enter at any grade! I was in a French high school class with a boy 6 years older than me he was a friend of my brother's who had flunked out for all those years. I stood up for him and the bullying he experienced from a teacher who could not properly pronounce herself!
