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Subject: [REDACTED] Termination of the Late French Immersion Program at Ecole Quaertway
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Subject: IMPORTANT: Termination of the Late French Immersion Program at Ecole Quaertway

CAUTION: External Message

Hello Arlette, Don and the SD 68 School Board,

I'm reaching out to all of you regarding the decision to terminate (phase put) the late French Immersion program at Ecole Quarterway.

The process in which the School District is taking does not only provide virtually no opportunity for public/parent comment, it also does not allow parents to strategically plan their children's educations.

There will be impacts to Ecole Quarterway as a whole if the program is removed. The school will lose resources such as a VP and the cost savings will be minimal to none as the children will have to be educated in other schools. What will happen to all of the funding that is received to support bilingualism from the Federal government? Is this really a cost savings.....?

This decision without parent input is not fair. Many parents lose out on the opportunity to place their children into French Immersion because of the lottery system and wait for many years to finally place them into the late Immersion program, now that opportunity is being removed too. This is not promoting bilingualisms with our two national languages, this is minimizing kids opportunities to learn them.

I'm hopeful that the school district listens to parents and makes a decision to continue the program. Look at ways to foster the French Immersion program by having properly qualified French speaking teachers and teachers on call. Make it a place that serves the children's educations so that their languages can flourish.

Please feel free to reach out if you wish to further discuss.

Sincerely,

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