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Please refrain from cutting the Late French Immersion Program at Quarterway Elementary. The parents of SD68 students have not been consulted about this, and you do have a duty to engage with us, as primary stakeholders. Cutting the program before Christmas break should be out of the question.

Late French Immersion is a wonderful opportunity for families to enroll their children at Quarterway in grade 6 to start Immersion. There are not many options for this later enrolment elsewhere in Nanaimo. Please do not cut this program, certainly not without having made good-faith efforts to hear from parents of school-aged children that are relying on this option when their children age-in to it.

On the flip side, many parents may not be aware of the late enrollment option. If enrollment is down at Quarterway, and the school is worried about funding, perhaps another avenue is to advertise across SD68 that Late Immersion is offered at Quarterway. This could be as simple as devoting some PAC time on various Facebook pages -- which is incidentally where I heard of these possible cuts coming.

Please allow for meaningful consultations with parents, and take time more time to consider the down sides to tour school district community, before deciding whether or not to cut this program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erin Foster

Nanaimo, BC

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