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Hi,

I have just learned about School District 68's plans to cut the Late French Immersion program, and I am deeply saddened by this news. As a successful alumnus of the program, I feel compelled to share my perspective.

I started the Late French Immersion program in its first year at Quarterway in 2014, and ten years later, I still consider joining the program to be the best decision I have ever made. I continued through high school and graduated with a double Dogwood Diploma from NDSS in 2021. Over the years, I've traveled throughout rural France and Québec and have been able to communicate with people who speak no English. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities and experiences that the Late Immersion program has provided me.

Currently, I'm in my third year at the University of Victoria, where I continue to enjoy taking elective French classes. The skills I gained through the Late French Immersion program have enriched my academic and personal life in ways I never expected.

This program has been invaluable to so many, and to suddenly take this opportunity away feels like a great loss. I strongly urge you to reconsider this decision. The impact of Late French Immersion extends far beyond the classroom, and I know that many others, like myself, have benefited immensely from it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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