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Dear SD68 Trustees:

I was very disheartened to receive the following email from our School Principal just last Friday, December 13th with the understanding the board intends to vote less than one week later, on Wednesday, December 18th to remove LFI from our school.

My daughter is enrolled at Ecole Quarterway, and I have another child [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is enrolling for Kindergarten for the 2025/26 school year.

I think we can all recognize how hasty this announcement is and the lack of notice for parents to rally and advocate, especially before the holidays, is disappointing to say the least.

My children won't be directly affected by LFI being removed from Quarterway; however, they will surely be indirectly affected by the removal of our school VP and the loss of 2 additional teaching positions. Did we forget this is the same school where (in 2023) fentanyl was discovered by a young girl on school property, then taken home, and played with amongst her younger (toddler) sibling? A child or children could have died. I am aware this was covered in the media and safety precautions were taken; however, I am shocked to hear the very next year, supports are being potentially removed from this school.

This is also the same school where, only by pushing and pushing the Principal, did the PAC gain access to the emergency kiosk earlier this year, only to discover food and emergency supplies were more than a decade expired. Our School VP is the sole administrator working tirelessly with our PAC to get this kiosk replaced.

Our current Principal cannot run this school alone. I think we are all aware of the issues from the

previous few school years where staff morale was greatly impacted and Ecole Quarterway lost a number of long standing (10+ year) teachers as a result. We cannot lose key administrators and teaching positions at this school.

Do we value French Immersion in this school district or not? These actions being proposed appear as though FI is on the backburner.

Ecole Hammond Bay getting another kindergarten class should not be a reason for this central Nanaimo school (who draws from a lot of South Nanaimo communities, like my own [Harewood])) losing key positions, as it looks as though a North Nanaimo population is getting support and Central/South populations are losing support.

Please do not move forward with this.

Regards,

Carly Meunier
A concerned Ecole Quarterway parent

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