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RE: Community School Coordinators SD#68

It is my understanding that the number of Community School Coordinators will be changed from 5 to 3. I would like to make the case for this not to happen.

PacificSport VI has been working together with the Community School Coordinators for 26 years. It has been an amazing partnership. Community Schools and their Coordinators are what binds our community together. Helping parents and students with much needed programing in their local neighbourhood at a reasonable price. With COVID this has become increasingly more important since many families have decreased income and rely more and more on community programs held at their local school that help to maintain the mental, social and physical health of their children.

PacificSport VI works with the CSC's to provide much needed expertise in the area of physical literacy and sport. Community Schools have been the 'go to' facilities for our programs because they are accessible, reasonably priced and well managed by the CSC's. COVID of course has made this challenging and we are looking forward to the schools opening up again for us to use the indoor spaces.

When we operate youth programs such as our After-School Sport & Art Initiative, XploreSportZ Spring Break and Summer Camps, or Summer Bike Camps our primary communication is with the school Principal and the Community School Coordinator. CSC's work with us for space to run our programs, assist with advertising and partner with us to help deliver some of their programs. Principals are extremely busy and rely on the CSC's to work with organizations like ours to provide much needed additional programing for the students.

Decreasing the number of Community School Coordinators will do a great disservice to the communities. The numbers of students who will miss out will be significant and this at a time when the community connection is so important for our mental health during the pandemic.

Community School Coordinators are an essential service for our community, a 'need to do' not a 'nice to do'. I hope that you will re-think this plan and keep all of our CSC's in place in SD#68.

Thank you for your time and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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