

Good Morning,

I must say I'm beyond concerned with the application of policy 309 to stop offering EFI at Grand Bay Primary and eventually at Inglewood School. This EFI program was started in 2017 with the introduction of the grade 1 EFI entry point. The target program threshold, established at that time, was **65 students** once the program was fully established. The EFI program has continually **exceeded** this target threshold every year!

Contrary to this achievement, a letter was sent to families on Wednesday indicating the opposite:

*....In accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Policy 309: French Second Language Program, section 6.4.1, "A Superintendent implements an immersion program in a community where there is sufficient interest and where it is deemed sustainable over time."....*

*....Over the past several years the interest in the program has declined....*

**FALSE – EFI Program at GBP and Inglewood School is EXCEEDING Program Target Thresholds**

**EFI Historical Enrolment GBP / Inglewood**

EFI GBP / Inglewood	
2017/2018	13
2018/2019	33
2019/2020	60
2020/2021	62
2021/2022	77
2022/2023	71
2023/2024	71

**Note:** *EFI Program was established for 13 students in 2017. Five year modeling for an acceptable program target threshold is 65 students. Program is exceeding target.*

Based on collective agreement contractual classroom configuration requirements, when modeling the CMO (EFI program staying at GBP/Inglewood) and FMO (EFI grade 1 moving to Westfield) there is **zero FTE headcount savings**.

CMO vs FMO Modeling

CMO 2023-2024			FTE = 9
EFI	GBP/Inglewood	Westfield	Total
1	14	20	34
2	16	13	29
3		21	21
4		19	19
5		16	16
3/4 Split	20		20
4/5 Split	21		21
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>160</b>

Classroom Configuration

Contract Ref#	Configuration	Normal	Max
20.01	Normal	26	29
20.02	Grade 4-6	28	29
20.04	Grades 1-2		21
20.05	Grade 3	26	27
20.06	K		21
20.07	Split Grades 1-3		16
20.07	Split Grades 3-5		23
20.07	Split Grades 5-12		24

FMO 2023-2024			FTE = 9
EFI	GBP/Inglewood	Westfield	Total
1		34	34
2	16	13	29
3		21	21
4		19	19
5		16	16
3/4 Split	20		20
4/5 Split	21		21
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>160</b>

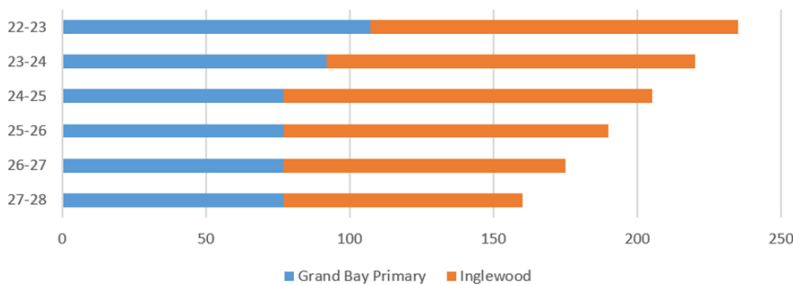
The major concern as a DEC member is this change will move a significant amount of students out of GBP and Inglewood School to Westfield School. **This will in effect remove a new school project from our district.** This project is currently **fully vetted and committed to on the GNB Stable Department Infrastructure List.** As a DEC, we passed a motion in April 2023 committing to this important project.

With this change, once fully rolled out, enrollment numbers will drop to 160 students, or less, between the two schools. We will never receive a new school for 160 students compared to the 235 students in scope today. Our district needs new schools to replace our aging infrastructure and this project is our district's highest priority that has not yet received the design green light. This project was recommended by E&Y consultants many years ago. **Why would we risk this important project for our school district?**

FMO Forecast Modeling

	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	Max Cap
Grand Bay Primary	107	92	77	77	77	77	126
Inglewood	128	128	128	113	98	83	191
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>317</b>

\*Based on Sept 30, 2022 data



CMO EFI and English Prime Enrolment

EFI	GBP/Inglewood	Westfield	Total
Registered EFI	14	20	34
1	16	13	29
2	10	21	31
3		19	19
4		16	16
5		24	24
3/4 Split	23		23
4/5 Split	22		22
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>198</b>

English Prime	GBP/ Inglewood	Westfield	Total	Total
K	27	52	79	79
1	25	30	55	84
2	25	28	53	84
3	27	47	74	93
4	20	25	45	61
5	34	31	65	89
				23
				22
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>535</b>

\* Based on May 18, 2023 data

I respectfully encourage the district to take a second look at the application of policy 309 in this instance, reevaluating the feasibility of the EFI program at GBP and Inglewood Schools and continue to maintain the established program that is **exceeding program target thresholds** and **to NOT JEOPORDIZE the new school project** both this community and our school district so desperately need.

Warm Regards,  
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