

Derek and Melissa,

I hope you will follow up ASAP with the Minister of Education, EECD, and Hon. Bill Oliver to clarify this was YOUR decision and not the DECs.

Clearly, I am not aligned with students needing to travel over 85+ kms per day to attend school well outside their communities. Especially, in the case of GBW schools, removing students from district top performing schools in their community and relocating those students to schools with much lower assessment results is not OK.

I'm also not aligned with jeopardizing a new school project for our district by emptying GBP/Inglewood and overcrowding Westfield School.

The KV/Rothesay PSSCs just sent letters and presented during our DEC public session to ask for more balance in their schools. Why is ASD-S doing the complete opposite in these cases?

Please provide clarification to the Minister of Education, EECD, and Hon. Bill Oliver at your earliest convenience.

This is the second minister that accused me this weekend of this being a DEC decision - which is simply not true!

The GBW community is recommending the 40 students at RVMS be placed in a 6/7 and 7/8 split for LFI. This model has been successful in ASDW. This consolidation would save the district 1 FTE and keep the students in their community school.

We have three entire schools that we operate in ASD-S for ~40 students or less. I respectfully encourage you to listen to both the residents and ministers to consider that option for RVMS.

Community proposed solution:

LFI	GBP/Inglewood	Westfield	RVMS	Total
Registered	5	8		13
6			15	15
7			12	12
Total	5	8	27	40

Warm Regards,
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Subject: Re: French Immersion in Grand Bay-Westfield

Mr. Gaudet, I have spoken to the minister and he is obtaining information which we will meet and determine what next steps are. I will be meeting with him next week and fight to keep our curriculum intact at our GBW schools. We need to have the numbers to convince the DEC that this is not acceptable.

I will be in touch with the GBW Taskforce before we meet.

Hon. / L'hon. Bill Oliver

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ATTENTION! External email / courriel externe.

To whom it may concern,

We have recently been notified by ASDS that early French immersion will no longer be offered at Grand Bay Primary and late French Immersion will no longer be offered at River Valley Middle School. This affects both my daughter and nephew.

We find it very upsetting that we are being made to choose between our children learning the second language of the only bilingual province in Canada or going to school with their friends.

In the case of River Valley, students are required to now travel 85km round trip from their homes in Browns Flat or Welsford to attend school on the West side of Saint John at Barnhill.

Grand Bay Primary students are now required to move to Westfield. My daughter is not a particularly outgoing child and had a hard enough time making new friends in Kindergarten. Now that she is settled you are expecting her to be uprooted from this school that she has finally become accustomed to and expect her to start this process all over again next year in conjunction with learning a completely new language.

This decision has put parents in a difficult position. If a child does not excel in French Immersion and

chooses to transfer back to English Prime will they then be required to transfer back to the school in their zone of Grand Bay Primary or River Valley Middle School? Further to this if we decide to not enrol my daughter in early French Immersion will we then be forced to send her to Barnhill for late French Immersion in grade 6?

As a parent who was able to participate in the late French Immersion program, I have been able to see the benefits of this program first hand. I am concerned what impact this will have on our local community and children.

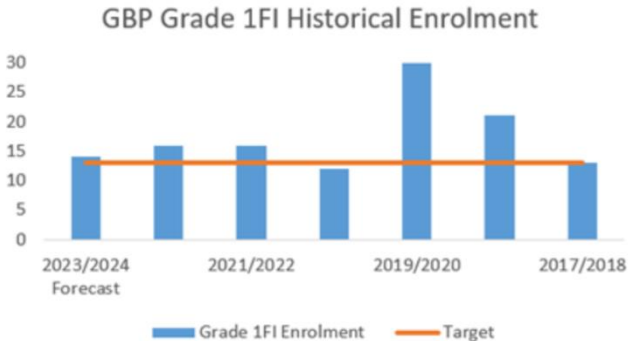
If all children signed up for early French Immersion at Grand Bay Primary are moved to Westfield a second grade 1 French class will be required, why not leave one at Westfield and one at Grand Bay Primary? There are no cost savings with this change, instead resulting in additional expenses with the increased bussing and commute times.

Enrolment in early French Immersion has been consistent the last 4 school years at Grand Bay Primary, why make this switch now?

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.



Have our children not endured enough the past three years? Why should we put them through even more stressful situations than needed?

I encourage you to strongly rethink the effects this decision will have on the future leaders of our communities and province.

Thank you,
Caleb Gaudet