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Superintendent Lesleigh Dye Sudbury Secondary School of the Arts French Immersion Program

Dear Superintendent Dye:

On behalf of 'Downtown Sudbury', the Business Improvement Area representing over 450 Businesses and Services in our central core, we are submitting this letter in support of the continuation of the **French Immersion Program** at **Sudbury Secondary School of the Arts,** which we understand may be terminated effective September 2012.

'Downtown Sudbury' is a strong supporter of the arts in our community and we feel that the arts are an integral component to the strength and quality of life in any City. As such, it is also critical that students in this field have the opportunity to participate in a French immersion program whenever possible ... this only strengthens their opportunities to not only stay in Northern Ontario but in our community.

Our downtown is embarking on very exciting times and growth with the recent announcement of major funding for the School of Architecture, as well as both the Art Gallery of Sudbury and the Francophone Centre moving forward with their plans for downtown locations.

We hope that you will give every consideration to maintaining the French Immersion Program at Sudbury Secondary School of the Arts.

Respectfully,

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Maureen M. Luoma Executive Director

Directors, 'Downtown Sudbury'