

Dear Superintendent Lesleigh Dye Rainbow School Board :

Dear **Lesleigh Dye.**

RE: Reinstating the French Immersion Program at Sudbury Secondary School of the ARTS

As an involved and concerned parent of two children who have received their French Immersion diploma at Sudbury Secondary School, I was shocked to read in both the Northern life, the Sudbury Star and on the internet that this valuable program was to be scrapped from the curriculum of Sudbury Secondary School, effective September 2012. I believe that you are taking away something very special from Sudbury Secondary School, the school of the arts. Arts and French Immersion go hand in hand to prepare the students for the various field of study in our bilingual country. It is a must to have a bilingual diploma to succeed in the world we live in. The doors are wide open when a student has this education in his/her hand. I am a Catholic and chose to send my children to Sudbury Secondary School because of the French Immersion, the Visual arts and the Media arts programs. I believe this is what makes the Rainbow School board special in Ontario; having the French immersion program.

When I was young we had core French, and it was taught by an English teacher with an English accent: hardly the way to teach students French. I believe that if the French Immersion program was available in my time, I myself would be fully bilingual like my children who graduated with exceptional marks from this program. My children have used their French language skills at our business to talk to the customers with great success. I hear rave remarks from my clientele about the availability of French service at my businesses by my children. If they did not go to French immersion at Sudbury Secondary School, they would not have excelled as they do today.

I recommend that you reinstate the French Immersion program and leave it as is, taught by the exceptional teachers and staff at Sudbury Secondary School. Remember: you do not fix something that is working. The French Immersion program is working at this first class exceptional school that my children have had the privilege to obtain their French Immersion diploma at.

Thank you for considering my recommendation to reinstate the French Immersion program at my school of choice "Sudbury Secondary school " located in downtown Sudbury where our new bilingual architectural school will be built by 2018. A point I would also like to make is that this diploma is also a open door to anyone who wants to work anywhere in the world, you just have to promote more so students an parents are aware of its value. From a very concerned and worried parent:

Remember also that the French Immersion also feeds the downtown & Tourism in Ontario for Jobs. Thank you for reading my letter.

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Josee Rainville (parents of Sabrina & Jason Rainville graduated students of Sudbury Secondary School French Immersion diploma

P.S French is spoken is many parts of the world and I would hate to see profoundly Artistic students such as those found at Sudbury Secondary school miss out on the experiences and education taught to them at this wonderful and strategically placed school, "namely Sudbury Secondary School". The experience of going to Sudbury secondary school is one that cannot be replaced by any other school in this city. Tourism and other job sectors need the art with the French experience at this one specific school. Please do not take this opportunity away from our children and reinstate French Immersion at Sudbury Secondary School.