

APPENDIX C

Ms. Jacqueline Puri & Mr. Sampson Yaher
St Matthew's Catholic School
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Dear Ms. Puri & Mr. Yaher

On behalf of the St. Matthew's Catholic School CSPC, the chairs of the CSPC would like to formally request that St. Matthew's Catholic School conduct a survey of the parent community in regards to the International Languages program currently running at our school.

At a recent CSPC meeting to review the TCDSB IL Consultation, majority of parents expressed many concerns in relation to the IL program and how it is negatively impacting our children's coverage of the Ontario Education Curriculum.

Below are some of the issues brought up by parents:

- Very little clarity from the board on the approval of the International Languages program by the MOE. Is this program approved as an integrated model?
- Little to no data provided to parents by the board on the expected curriculum followed by IL teachers and how progress in the programs are measured.
- Students are losing 30 minutes of instructional time that could be allocated towards subjects that many struggle with such as math which St Matthew's already struggles with.
- Many students are being forced to learn a language they will never use and don't speak at home.

We ask that you take our request to the TCDSB on our behalf, and if the request for a survey is approved we ask that with the survey the Board include a time line comparison of a curriculum day with and without IL so parents can get a clear understanding of where the IL instructional time is coming from. Lastly we also request that our CSPC be able to review the survey to ensure parents in the community will be receiving a non-biased survey so they can make an informed decision on what is best for their Childs education.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Nivalda Sa & Jessica Ferraz
CSPC Co-Chairs

