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Subject: Keep FI & IB at CSS site!

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Dear Trustee/

committed to keeping their children in the north end of the city and would entertain the idea of moving their children to Algonquin or Scollard.

I am very disappointed that the school board is considering sacrificing the best

Early Immersion, in North Bay, began at O'Brien Public School in the fall of 1974

O'Brien Public School is now home to the Comfort Inn

Within the first five years of its existence French Immersion moved to Dr. Carruthers Public School. It should be noted that at this time, all NNDSB immersion students attended the one school.

Late Immersion began for grade 6 students in North Bay in the fall of 1979 at Dr. Carruthers and as we progressed in grades Dr. Carruthers became the only FI and EF JK-8 facility.

All grade 7 & 8 students from Carruthers walked to Centennial for music, shop and home-economics classes as Dr. Carruthers did not have the appropriate facilities.

While the following dates may not be exact, they are close enough to outline the various changes to venues within the FI/EF programs. Due to an increased demand for the program and overcrowding at Dr. Carruthers, Immersion programs branched out to include JK-6 programs at Pinewood around 1978, JK-6 at Laurentian in 1982 and JK-6 at Sunset in 1989. All 7/8 programming remained at Dr. Carruthers. The extended French program expanded to Silver Birches in 1988. EF programs closed at Dr. Carruthers and Silver Birches and moved to Fricker in the fall of 1991.

In 2002 Dr. Carruthers closed and its students were split primarily between Pinewood and Laurentian, with Pinewood being the home to all grade 7 & 8 immersion students in the North Bay area of the NNDSB (Fricker has maintained the Extended French program) at which point promises were made to provide appropriate intermediate facilities

NNSSB 2006 Capital Plan: stated Pinewood would become the French Immersion Centre by 2010 with appropriate intermediate facilities: never came to fruition.

ARC Decision May, 2009: Closure of Pinewood P. S. and Laurentian P. S.: amalgamation at Alliance French Immersion Public School, formerly known as Centennial

Until the amalgamation of Pinewood and Laurentian in 2009, the Immersion program never had appropriate intermediate facilities. With the closure of Dr. Carruthers in 2002 our students had NO technology (shop) experiences until the recent move to Alliance.

January 19, 2010 Kim and Alissa met with the Trustees Al Bottomley, Colleen Goupil, Jay Aspin, Linda-Anne E. Thompson; Director of Education Heli Vail, and Alliance administrators Nicole McKinnon and Sarah Spence, to voice safety and accommodation concerns regarding Alliance (issues that were clearly expressed during the ARC process).

2010: Alliance, after only one year in existence is challenged by over capacity and ultimately program accommodation concerns yet again (portable already installed).

As you can see, immersion families have had to face many changes throughout the program's existence and yet this program continues to survive because it is a program of excellence within the NNDSB.

In 2009, Alliance opened its doors. The school was overflowing before it even started its second year. The On The Ground (OTG) capacity of the building is 438 students. The ARC Board projections for 2014 were 465 students. The 2010-2011 school year started and there were 481 students enrolled at Alliance French Immersion Public School, making it the largest elementary school in the Near North District School Board.

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