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Fwd: Letter to the CSF

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J'accuse r eception de votre lettre,

Merci et bonne journ ee

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From: "Karolynn St-Pierre" <karolynn@symmetryconsult.com>**Subject:** Letter to the CSF**Date:** April 18, 2016 at 8:08:21 AM PDT**To:** <mariefrance_lapierre@csf.bc.ca>

Dear CSF Board Members,

I am writing to you regarding your decision on where to award the pilot program for the 4-year-old preschool. My children attend Ecole des Pionniers, Oliver is in grade 2 and Carter will be in the maternelle class next year. During the December PAC meeting, it was made very clear that the only way Ecole des Pionniers could get the program is if we don't displace any of the existing programs.

Adding this program will not only require Les Petits Pionniers to vacate the premises, but it will also shut Les Lutins down due to lack of interest. This displaces both programs of which both of these programs are what have contributed to all the growth we've experienced over the last several years.

The idea of the 4-year-old pilot program is wonderful, however because of laws that prevent 4-year-olds in after school programs or riding buses, this becomes a program that is not for families where both parents work or have a significant support system in place to help.

As I see it, these programs must exist side by side with a day care program or we are essentially discriminating against families who want a French education for their children but don't have the support system to have pick-up's and drop-off's for their 4-year-olds.

You are well aware of the Ecole des Pionniers PAC's attempts, through the media, to share the lack of room in our present school. Displacing our present preschool programs would jeopardize the future of our school's growth and would not give a French preschool program to our community thus encouraging parents to seek out English day care for preschool and immersion programs in their local schools.

I ask you not to give the 4-year-old program to Ecole des Pionniers until we have the opportunity to move into our new building in order to keep strong programs for both working and non-working parents.

Thank you for your consideration.
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