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**Re: Rocky View School Division Removing French Immersion from Online Learning Fall 2021**

Dear Greg:

I am writing to voice my disappointment in the decision by Rocky View School Division (RVS) not to offer French Immersion to students and families that choose online learning this fall.

* RVS did not consult or provide any opportunities for parents to provide feedback on this plan prior to making their decision.
* The time frame for parents to decide on the learning context for their children next year was extremely limited and must be made by May 31, 2021.
* With the closure of the Alberta Distance Learning Centre this June, there will be no options for French immersion students to take courses via distance education within RVS.

**(Insert personal comments)**

Now is not the time to compromise these supports or these programs. Our students have already lost their social connections and routines. These changes will impact academic outcomes and - more importantly - negatively affect the mental health of students, parents and teachers. I am asking that you urgently request a review of this decision.

Your Name

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cc.

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