

Hello,

The one aspect of the ARC plan I strongly disagree with is that all French programs could potentially move to West Ferris.

If this happens, we will most likely pull our kids from the french program and send them to either the new school or to Widdifield/Chippewa (whichever one gets refurbished).

My guess is many parents will do the same.

I don't think it makes any sense at all to have a hugely popular and successful program like the boards French immersion program moved to the far reaches of the city.

I believe that program should be centralized in either the new super school OR one of the two high schools that gets refurbished (Widdifield/Chippewa).

Alliance & French Immersion is the boards flagship program (in my opinion) and it should be treated with the highest priority, not shuttered off to the most remote area in North Bay. Its also one of the boards only growth areas in an era of declining attendance everywhere. The French programs draw from everywhere in North Bay so it makes sense for them to be centralized.

I do not want my children having to go to high school in West Ferris, which is about as far away from our house as you can get in North Bay.

Thanks,

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