PETITION

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We the undersigned demand that:

1. The report issued to Education Minister Kelly Lamrock, "A Comprehensive Review of French Second Language Programs and Services within the Anglophone Sector of the New Brunswick Department of Education", be disregarded due to inherent flaws and faulty methodology.

2. The changes to Department of Education Policy Statement 309 be rescinded restoring Early French Immersion in New Brunswick.

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Background

New Brunswick is Canada's only officially bilingual province and every parent has the right to be able to educate their child to be fluent in both official languages. It is the consensus of the academic discipline of linguistics that the younger children are the better they are able to acquire language skills and understanding.

Minister of Education, Kelly Lamrock, has made an abrupt decision to cancel all Early Years French Second Language programs being taught in New Brunswick Schools in grades 1-4 on the basis of the findings of the report titled "A Comprehensive Review of French Second Language Programs and Services within the Anglophone Sector of the New Brunswick Department of Education" (Submitted to the minister Feb. 18th, 2008). This study contained overwhelmingly negative anecdotal comments about Early French Immersion programs in New Brunswick and has serious flaws in its methodology.

Cancelling the Early French Immersion and Core French programs in New Brunswick, Canada's only bilingual province, would make it the only province in Canada not offering children the option to learn French beginning in grade 1 which is unacceptable. New Brunswick is already the only province that doesn't offer French Second Language learning in Kindergarten.

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