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## CI Kindergarten Sections BCIC Follow Up

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Dear Dr. Winkelman and District Leadership Team,

Thank you again for your response to our recent questions regarding the Chinese Immersion (CI) kindergarten program and support expressed by many BOE members. We appreciate the information shared and would like to follow up with a few specific questions to better understand the district's planning process and explore ways BCIC can support your efforts.

### BCIC Follow-Up Questions:

- Could you please clarify **who is responsible for making the final decision** regarding the number of kindergarten sections in the CI program? For example, the principal of the school, the superintendent, the BOE, Becky Weigel, etc.
- If **enrollment increases to 27 students**, would the district maintain two CI kindergarten sections?
- Is the district planning to have both a Chinese and an English teacher assigned at each grade level for CI, K–5? We see the following quote from Dr. Winkelman in an email response to parents. “Based on current interest, we’ve planned for one kindergarten section next year, in line with our class size guidelines. However, enrollment may shift as families move in or out of the district, and we will adjust the number of sections as needed.” Specifically, is the district **actively hiring for the second grade CI English teacher** outside of our current CI teachers for fall?
- How is the district currently **advertising and promoting the CI program**? Please include any steps being taken to inform families about available space. BCIC’s recruiting efforts have expanded and we are eager to support the district’s efforts.
- We respectfully request a **follow-up meeting with Dr. Winkelman, Becky Wiegel, and any interested BOE members** to discuss these questions directly, clarify planning timelines, and identify opportunities for collaboration to support enrollment and staffing for the CI program.

To help ensure families remain informed, BCIC has created a dedicated page on our website where we are sharing this communication and your response:

⇒ [www.bcic220.org/open-communication](http://www.bcic220.org/open-communication) (Please note that emails are password protected; the password is **bcicopen**.)

Any district leaders wishing to add their personal responses to this page can notify us.

BCIC has reprioritized our resources to focus on promoting CI and recruitment. We have plans to distribute materials to potential families through preschools, non for profit organizations and local businesses.

We remain committed to the continued strength and growth of the Chinese Immersion program and sincerely appreciate your time and partnership. We look forward to your response.

Warm regards,

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