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## CI Kindergarten Sections BCIC Follow Up

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Dear Becky and District Leadership,

Becky, thank you again for meeting with us Friday. Following our meeting, we left with deep concern about the potential reduction to one kindergarten section for the CI program next year. As you know, this kind of change would have long-term consequences for the sustainability and strength of the program.

We request the opportunity for a follow-up conversation before any final decisions are made. If a meeting is not possible, BCIC families plan to raise our questions at the upcoming **May 20 Board of Education meeting**, as we believe this issue merits broader discussion and community awareness.

To better understand the situation and explore how we can support the program, we would appreciate your help clarifying the following:

- **When and how will the final decision** on the number of CI kindergarten sections be made?
  - More specifically, **will the number of sections be discussed, decided or announced at the May 20 Board of Education meeting?**
  - How will the decision be communicated to CI families?
- **What is the primary factor** driving the potential reduction?
  - If it is enrollment, **what is the threshold** needed to support two sections?
- What other programs across the district are also being similarly impacted?
- **What role can BCIC play to ensure two sections** for CI kindergarten this fall, especially given there is still time for outreach and potential enrollment growth?

We left the conversation wishing we had asked more in the moment, but we were genuinely surprised by the news. Please know we are committed to working in partnership with the district to support the continued strength of the Chinese Immersion program.

Thank you for your time and consideration. **We look forward to our meeting with you.**

Sincerely,

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