

Dear CI Families,

We're reaching out to share an important update. The district has positioned itself to reduce the incoming kindergarten class (2025-26) from two sections to just one. This change will likely compromise the best practices of our 50/50 immersion instruction model, which could significantly impact the future of CI.

BCIC has reached out to district leadership to

- request a follow-up meeting before a decision is reached
- seek clarification on when and how the decision will be made
- identify the motivation for the proposed section changes

BCIC board members will attend the Board of Education meeting and update the CI community as we learn more.

How you can help

- Share your suggestions or join our conversation about this topic by emailing us at bcic220@gmail.com.
- Contact our district leadership to share your concern about reducing the incoming kindergarten class to 1 section, request additional time to increase fall enrollment, and share why the CI program is important to your family.

District Leadership

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- Encourage future families to join CI

Thank you for being part of our amazing CI family!

Warmly,

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