

Early Mandarin Bilingual (EMB) Program By Parent Advocates of EMB



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Thank you VSB

for having the courage and vision to start the Early Mandarin Bilingual program and the commitment to see it through to high school.

Why We Are Here

- Provide an overview of the EMB program and its benefits
- Showcase high demand and parent engagement
- Retain the Modern Languages Teacher Mentor (E12.6)

EMB Program Overview

- John Norquay Elementary School
 - East side between East 29th Avenue & Kingsway
- Program intake began in 2011
- 156 students, K-5 in 2015-2016

EMB Program Overview

- ~80% of students live outside catchment
- English proficiency required
 - 90% of families non-Mandarin speaking
- Goal: 50% Mandarin language instruction
- Curriculum is VSB/teacher developed

Benefits of EMB

- Program has reversed declining enrollment at John Norquay
- Drawing families to public education
 - 20% of respondents to our survey said their child/children would have gone to private schools or other districts were EMB not available
- Cognitive and social benefits
- Preparing students for the global economy



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Long-jumper Christabel Netley is leaping into the spotlight. » B6

BIRDMAN FLIES HIGH

Comedy cleans up on Oscar night, including best picture. » B9



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Poultry industry won't biosecure audit

Marketing boards targets of animal

LARRY FINE

Poultry marketing boards are refusing to release biosecurity audit reports to the public, in part, the pet industry says. The pet industry says that it won't release the audit reports until it is satisfied that the boards have informed each of its members of the audit or any part of the audit results, according to the board officials.

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Last week's poll shows firming up momentum. So let's see the

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Time for a transit plan that makes sense

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Mandarin Chinese Most Useful Business Language After English

by John Lauerma

August 30, 2011 – 12:34 PM PDT



Mandarin, China's official tongue, is also the top language worldwide for business other than English, according to Bloomberg Rankings.



Mandarin, spoken by 845 million people, scored highest in a ranking of languages, excluding English, based on business usefulness. The ranking scored languages according to the number of speakers, number of countries where the language is official, along with those nations' populations, financial power, educational and literacy



High Demand

- 88 families listed EMB as their first choice in 2016
 - 55 families wait-listed
- Low attrition = good educational value
- Opportunity to attract even more students

High Parent Engagement

- Diverse, organized and active parents
 - Families representing 68.5% of students responded to our (parents) survey
- 75% of parents would enroll their child/children into an EMB high school regardless of location in Vancouver
- Great enthusiasm, energy and desire by parents to work with the staff and board to grow and improve the program

Asks

- Continued support and funding of the program
 - Retain the Modern Language position (E12.6)
- Strong focus going forward with EMB high school planning
 - 3 May meeting scheduled
- Partner together to sustain and grow EMB program

In Review

- The EMB program is a success
- This program has high demand and parent engagement
- Retain the Modern Language position (E12.6)
- Let's work together to make the EMB program even better for the future

In Closing, we would like to leave you with one last thought:

During this Budget process, while Trustees and Staff are struggling with what to lose, we ask that you also keep in mind what can be **gained and grown** with a little funding and attention. We think Early Mandarin is one such program that can be grown to reap a tremendous amount of educational, cultural, social and funding benefits.

Thank You!

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