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Hello.

My child attends the Rutland Community School for before and after school care and summer care that operates out of Rutland Elementary School (sd23) in Kelowna BC. I have heard that the school district/administrative team has decided to terminate this program and the program will be closed by the end of June 2025.

The Rutland Community School has been in operation since 1997 and serves over 50+ families in the school community. This program also helps run/organize numerous school functions throughout the school year. The program is amazing and the staff are phenomenal. Working parents rely on this program for before/after school care and summer care. Is there a plan in place for the families that this program serves? If the Rutland Community School closes this leaves over 50 families in need of urgent child care. As word spreads I know that other families will be equally distressed/concerned.

Is anyone able to speak to this and/or explain the plan going forward and reasons why this is happening?

Thank you,

Katie