

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Board of Education](#)
Subject: Fwd: SD23 Student - [REDACTED]
Date: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 10:31:42 PM

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Dear Lee-Ann Tiede and all Board Members:

We are asking that you read this email thread in its entirety as a small insight of our request.

This is a very unfortunate circumstance for a student who wants to further their education with resources that are offered at a school only 10 minutes from our house. A child who wants to excel, to be challenged, and has proven to be an exceptional overall student is denied admission because of our address! We don't have the option of the Advanced Placement courses at MBSS, nor the choral program, Orchestra nor Rhythm and Blues, which makes this very frustrating. I know exceptions have been made for students of all degrees, and we wish to be heard in regard to this particular circumstance!

I don't believe an address should deter this request when we don't have the comparable AP courses on our side of the bridge. For a student who wants to be a Pediatric ER Psychologist and who also wants to further challenge themselves in Music Theory, I would hope they have the support to achieve their goals. Our child is being denied this opportunity, and our only option is to move within catchment! Not acceptable!

We understand that KSS is over capacity, but MBSS is also over capacity and does not offer the equivalent courses.

We moved to the Okanagan 3.5 years ago, and did not know that catchment and school capacities would be a deterrent for students who want to excel in their learning. These programs should be accessible to ALL students who choose to take this learning path no matter where they live!

We would like to speak to someone who can help in this situation.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Begin forwarded message:

From: Scott Parker <Scott.Parker@sd23.bc.ca>
Date: April 25, 2023 at 1:31:58 PM PDT
To: [REDACTED] Jeff Prasad
<Jeff.Prasad@sd23.bc.ca>, Michael Kormany <Michael.Kormany@sd23.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: SD23 Student - [REDACTED]

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for connecting. It seems like [REDACTED] is an amazing student, and one who will contribute greatly to their school community.

Currently, KSS is over capacity, and the Board passed a policy that we can only accept students who reside inside our catchment area. I know that this is not the answer that you are looking for, however, I need to be upfront with you. As you currently live in West Kelowna, [REDACTED] will not be able to be enrolled here.

Regards,

Scott Parker
Principal
Ecole Kelowna Secondary School

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 10:31 AM
To: Scott Parker <Scott.Parker@sd23.bc.ca>; Jeff Prasad <Jeff.Prasad@sd23.bc.ca>; Troy White <Troy.White@sd23.bc.ca>; Michael Kormany <Michael.Kormany@sd23.bc.ca>
Cc: Kathy Jonker <Kathy.Jonker@sd23.bc.ca>; Sheila French <Sheila.French@sd23.bc.ca>; [REDACTED]
Subject: SD23 Student - [REDACTED]

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Dear Mr. Parker, Mr. Prasad and Mr. Kormany:

We are writing in hopes that we can speak to someone regarding our child, [REDACTED], currently in Grade 10, and their specific needs for Fall 2023.

We have a unique situation where we have had plans to move for quite some time, and unforeseen events have prevented us from doing so. Our child applied, and was accepted, into an International Bachelorette (IB) program out of province and recognized to join their school band program by audition. Now, plans have changed, and unfortunately we are not moving! We had registered my child last year, not understanding the catchment areas, but knowing the path they wanted to take with Pre-AP and AP classes. This is extremely important to our child and for their future goals. They are at the top of their class in many classes, as well as their recognition in music at school and in the community.

We currently live in West Kelowna, and MBSS does not have the AP classes that my child is aspiring to take. They would be an incredible addition to your school environment, and their past and present teachers could attest to this. They also have connections at KSS through their involvement in music and art. We certainly do not want our address to compromise the vision and goals they have set for themselves; therefore, We would like to have a chance to speak to someone regarding this situation.

Please feel free to contact us at your earliest convenience at [REDACTED]
Thank you for your time and understanding.

Regards,

