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School Board Question 3: What are your thoughts on how the school closure planning process has been conducted so far, and if elected, what specific steps would you take to support families most heavily impacted by any closures, mergers or co-locations?

The uncertainty surrounding the future of our schools is frightening. If my daughter's Cantonese immersion school closed, she would have lost a critical avenue for maintaining her cultural heritage and communicating with her late grandfather.

I attended two Resource Alignment Initiative town halls. I **appreciate the equity, excellence, and effective use criteria.**

For the most heavily affected families, **thorough stakeholder engagement** must continue. 1. Families and educators should be offered **emotional and logistical support**. 2. Schools should offer **advanced curriculum, [Career Technical Education] pathways, or language offerings** based on the feedback of affected families so we recognize the disruption and do our best to retain them.