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Subject: Consultation Response: "Three Year Plan of Allocation and Destination of Immovables 2015 - 2018"

Dear Me. Hamel,

In regard to this proposed Policy, the Special Needs Advisory Committee would like to encourage the Council of Commissioners to keep in mind that there are many important services and programs for students with Special Needs that are housed at the different LBPSB schools and centers. Some examples include, but are not limited to, the LIFE program, REACH program, and various Work-Oriented Training Path (WOTP) programs.

Change is very challenging for many students with Special Needs. In addition, if changes were made to the locations of these programs that would require students to travel longer distances with greater travel times, this could be problematic for these students.

Therefore the Special Needs Advisory Committee would like to strongly encourage that special consideration be made to maintain all of the current services and programs in the current locations, with the least amount of disruption or change for these students as possible.

In addition, we encourage that attention be given to universal accessibility to LBPSB buildings for all.

Thank-you for the opportunity to participate in this consultation.

Respectfully,

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