

High School Student's Speech to Save Elementary French Program

Presentation made before the School Board of Education

Good evening. My name is X Y, and I am in tenth grade at East Chapel Hill High School. I was lucky enough to have spent all six of my years in elementary school at Estes Hills. I also consider myself very fortunate to have been a part of the French program there. This French program influenced my life in so many ways that I am saddened by the prospect that this wonderful program might not be in existence in the near future.

Due to the influence of this program, I remember being five years old and dreaming of visiting France. I was completely fascinated by the new culture and language I was being exposed to. This feeling has stuck with me throughout my life, and as I have grown, my interests have grown as well, so that I'm not only fascinated with French language and culture, but with all languages and cultures. So, it is now my intention to learn as many languages as possible, and next year I will begin taking Spanish along with French. I also intend to choose a profession that will involve using the languages I've learned.

It is obvious that the French program at Estes Hills fostered an appreciation of all cultures, and as such remains to have tremendous impact on my life. I also know that I am not the only one. I feel it would be unfortunate and a great loss if such an outstanding French program is taken out of existence. Thank you.