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c.c. Secretary for Education
via Ms. Jess Mak

Attn.: Ms. Betty Fung

22 Sep 2020

Dear Ms. Fung,

Re: Request for Classes for Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) Students in 18 districts, especially in Tin Shui Wai

We, Community Lab of Path of Democracy, received more than 173 non-Chinese speaking students' request for non-Chinese speaking classes in Tin Shui Wai area. According to our survey in June and July 2020, more than 111 NCS families live in Tin Shui Wai and 50% are primary students. (For details, pls see the chart below).

We did write to Education Bureau on 24 Jul 2020 and we received the attached reply on 7 Aug 2020. Obviously, we found that a missing link is the medium of instruction in your integration policy. In Yuen Long, 16 secondary schools, 26 primary schools and 31 kindergartens state in their school profile that they support NCS students. However, only 1 primary school, Yuen Long Long Ping Estate Tung Koon Primary School has offered English as a medium of instruction. None of the primary schools in Tin Shui Wai can help NCS students. It creates inequality and hurdle to NCS students to integrate into Hong Kong. As an international city, we should have at least 1 to 2 English medium schools in every district. Due to the lack of proper NCS class in Tin Shui Wai, the students need to travel long journeys to Mei Fu, Long Ping and Tuen Mun for education.

Under the existing social inclusion policy, if the district has sufficient NCS students, the government should provide NCS classes in subsidized schools in respective levels. Yuen Long Long Ping Estate Tung Koon Primary School and S.R.B.C.E.P.S.A. Ho Sau Ki School in Tuen Mun are the best practice primary schools in New Territories West. We believe that Education Bureau should adopt these best practices in Tin Shui Wai too. NCS students need using English as a basic medium of instructions to learn Chinese language. We should not create more NCS citizens who can speak in fluent Cantonese but cannot identify any Chinese words.

We cordially hope that our advice can solve the missing link in the whole integration policy. Thank you.

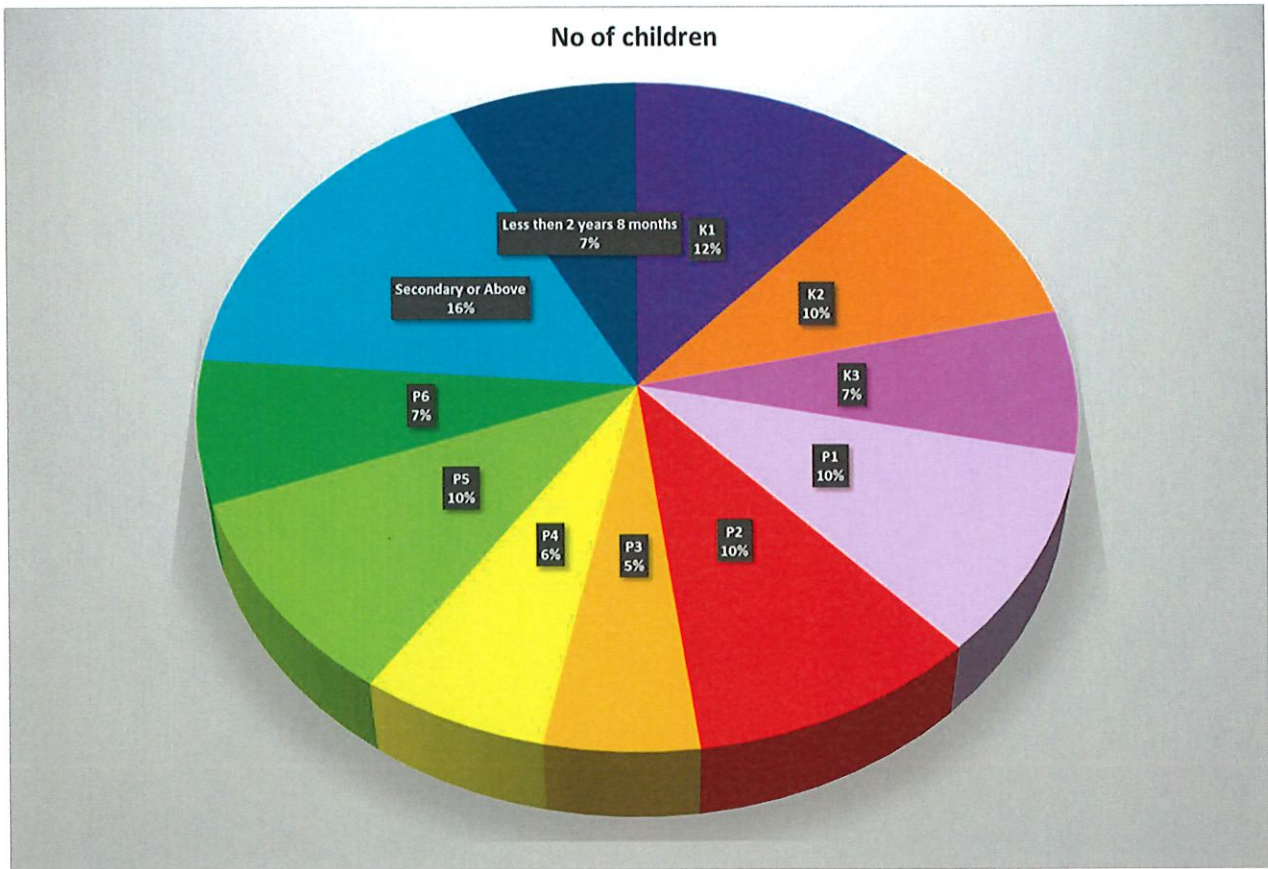
Should you need any further information, please feel free to contact our Maxine Yao at 9868 8325 or reply email to maxine.yao@pathofdemocracy.hk.

Looking forward to receiving your reply.

Yours sincerely,

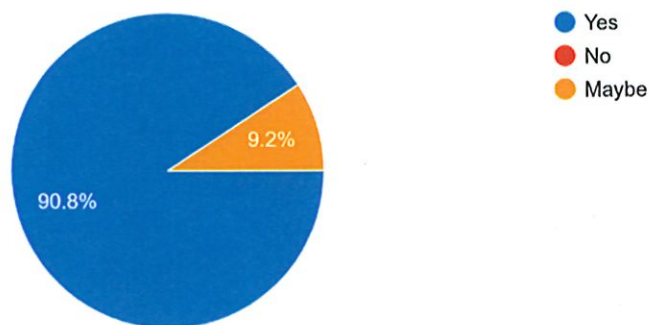


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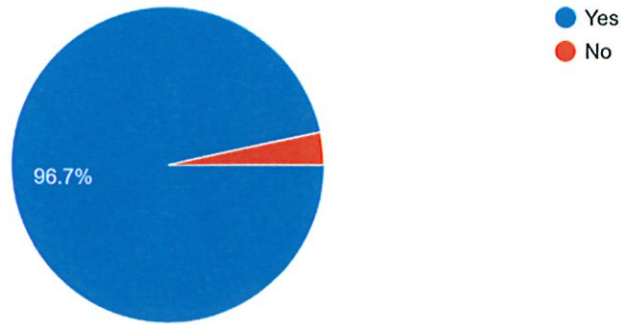
Subject to approval from EDB, are you interested to enroll your children to the Kindergarten and Primary school in Tin Shui wai ?

120 responses



Do you live in Tin Shui wai?

120 responses



Ethnicity

120 responses

