

## Italian and Latin classes stay put for now in Gates

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The decision to wean Gates Chili Central School District off teaching Latin and Italian languages has been postponed.

The Board of Education was presented with the idea to drop Latin and Italian classes at the recommendation of district administration. If the decision is made to cut the two languages over time, Italian would cease to be taught all together and Latin would become an elective. According to Superintendent Kimberle Ward, “based on the input from the community over the last few weeks, the district will be postponing the decision to eliminate language choices in the LOTE (Languages Other Than English) program.”

Prior to the superintendent’s statement Friday, the idea did not sit well with all students and community members. That lead the Little Italy Association to search for money to fund the district’s Italian-language programs. The recommendation was made as the district looked at the budget and staffing needs. “We often look at the sustainability of programs over time,” the district said.

“As enrollment changes occur and student interests change we need to look at the longevity of the program.”

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