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Mr. Murray Coell, MLA
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Dear Murray:

Thank you very much for taking the time to meet with me. I recognize that the province has huge budget challenges but I feel strongly that all MLA's need to be aware of the challenges that face school boards and the concern that trustees throughout British Columbia have for the future of public education under the current circumstances.

The economy will recover. For our students, it is this year and the years that follow until their graduation that count. We need to offer the best possible education programs and are very concerned about the challenge of providing, at the very least, the same education program next year as is being provided this year.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tom Ferris".

Tom Ferris
Board of Education Chair

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John Gaipman, Superintendent of Schools
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