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Greater Victoria Board of Education

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Dear Ms. Orcherton and Mr. Bird:

Thank you for your letter dated February 13, 2012, in which you request the repeal of section 76.1(2.3) of the *School Act*.

I agree with the concerns you raised and that is why Bill 22, the *Education Improvement Act*, repeals this section of the *School Act*.

As you know, section 76.1(2.3) of the *School Act* required that a board ensure that no class has more than three students with an individual education plan (IEP) unless the principal had consulted with the teacher of the class, and the principal and superintendent considered the organization of the class appropriate for student learning. The *Education Improvement Act* removes this requirement and sets out regulations that ensure teachers and administrators collaborate on an ongoing basis, in all cases, to ensure that classes are organized to support effective learning for all students.

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with me and thank you for your ongoing advocacy and hard work on behalf of students.

Yours truly,

George Abbott
Minister