



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

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February 29, 2012

The Honourable George Abbott  
Minister of Education  
P.O. Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt  
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Dear Minister Abbott:

At its meeting in February, our Board passed a motion that I write to you requesting additional funding for school playgrounds. While we appreciate the announcement last September by the Premier to commit \$8 million for recently purchased playgrounds with PAC contributions we believe that the funding did not go far enough.

The cut-off date of Jan 1, 2011 was arbitrary and did not take into consideration the various contributions made by the PACs over the previous period of time. It also does not address the need to fund the upgrades in future years. Districts have not been able to provide the funding as their facility dollars are already stretched due to changes in AFG funding and the dollar amounts involved.

We are advocating for funding to be extended both prior to the January 2011 start point and continue for future playground structures.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'P. Orchardton'.

Peg Orchardton  
Chair  
Greater Victoria Board of Education

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