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Via email minister.educ@gov.bc.ca

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

I was delighted to meet you at Victoria High School and show off our fabulous Fairey Tech Programs on Friday, November 9, 2012. We are very proud to be able to offer training in Skilled Trades to students in The Greater Victoria School District and have, in fact, been doing so since 1949!

As you are aware, programs such as the ones offered at Fairey Tech cost our School District significant educational dollars, although, in our view, dollars well spent. Too often these days School Districts around the Province are seeing their educational dollars under continued pressure from outside sources. I thank you for having agreed to meet to discuss funding pressures. I would very much appreciate meeting with you as soon as possible with a view to finding solutions to ensure our students' education (today and into the future) are not dependent upon economic conditions.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,

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

Peg Orchardton
Board Chair