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Via email: premier@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
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Dear Premier Clark:

The Greater Victoria Board of Education maintains an unwavering commitment to provide high quality educational programs and services to our students. We must find a way to work together to respect each other's budgetary pressures. It is imperative that there is cooperation and mutual understanding rather than an off loading of financial pressures such as the teacher pension contributions. We have concerns regarding the management of the B.C. Teachers' Pension Fund.

On November 9th 2012 I attended a function where the Honourable Don McRae, Minister of Education, was also in attendance. At that time, I requested a meeting with the Minister and he verbally accepted. Approximately one week later I received notification from his office that I was required to make this meeting request in writing.

On November 19, 2012 I emailed a letter to Minister McRae requesting a meeting as soon as possible. To date, I have not received a response from Mr. McRae. As such, I would respectfully request a meeting with you as soon as possible to discuss the funding needed to adequately address the growing fiscal needs of our School District, along with the downloading of financial pressures such as the B.C. Teachers' Pension Fund.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from your office to establish a meeting time.

Sincerely,

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

Peg Orchardton
Board Chair

Cc: Board of Education