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via email: [miker@bcpsea.bc.ca](mailto:miker@bcpsea.bc.ca)

Mr. Michael Marchbank  
Public Administrator  
BC Public School Employers' Association  
Suite 400 – 1333 West Broadway  
Vancouver, BC V6H 4C1

Re: BCPSEA and BCTF Provincial Bargaining

Dear Mr. Marchbank:

The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) held an In-Camera meeting and I advise you that the following motion was passed:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) recommends to the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) that a mediator be engaged immediately.

It is imperative that the parties focus and recognize that their common purpose is one of providing quality public education for students. In our view, and given the current circumstances, working with the assistance of a mediator offers an opportunity to reestablish mutual respect and trust between the bargaining principles which is a required component and a necessity in order to achieve a fair, negotiated settlement.

Our public education system requires certainty. In the current situation there is continuing uncertainty and that is unacceptable.

We all look forward to this matter being resolved.

Sincerely,

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

Peg Orchardton  
Board Chair SD 61

Cc: Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools  
Board of Trustees, SD61  
Peter Fassbender Minister of Education  
Peter Cameron Chief Negotiator, BCPSEA  
Jim Iker, President, BCTF  
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