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January 22, 2015

Ms. Benula Larsen
President
Greater Victoria Teachers' Association
965 Alston Street
Victoria, B.C. V9A 3S5

Dear Ms. Larsen:

RE: Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement

At our regular Board of Education meeting held on January 19, 2015 the following motion was passed unanimously:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Chair to write a letter to the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association asking them to reconsider signing the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement 2013-2018.

The voices of teachers were an integral part of the process for renewing the Aboriginal Education Enhancement Agreement with various teachers participating in the process for over a year.

The vision and goals for Aboriginal students cannot be achieved without the alliance and ongoing support of all groups. All other groups signed off, with the exception of the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association. The Board of Education respectfully requests that you reconsider not signing the 2013-2018 agreement and add the union representative to the signatories.

We look forward to a favourable response in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edith Loring-Kuhanga".

Edith Loring-Kuhanga
Board Chair

Cc: Board of Education
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Sherri Bell, Superintendent of Schools