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via email: educ.minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
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Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Re: Surveys from the Ministry

Dear Minister Fleming,

The Board has asked that I write to you with respect to surveys that School Boards receive from the Ministry.

As you are aware, recently the Ministry sent out a survey to Board Chairs on input regarding the funding formula review. We very much appreciate the opportunity to provide input. We also recognize that the Ministry has been proactive in its approach to the review and we are looking forward to providing input when further opportunities become available.

Our Board, however, is concerned that the survey format was not sufficiently accessible to all trustees. While certainly we understand that the Chair of a Board is an appropriate person to provide formal feedback on behalf of the Board, we believe that the survey questions should be accessible and sent to all trustees. In the current circumstances, the limited accessibility of the particular survey limited our ability to provide informed input from the Board as a whole.

Therefore, we would respectfully request that in future that copies of surveys be sent (or made readily accessible to Chairs to forward) to all trustees. We would also appreciate if the recent funding review survey questions could be sent to all trustees.

To be clear, we welcome the opportunity for input and appreciate your commitment to consultation, particularly in the current funding review. Our concern is associated with the format and restrictions on the survey. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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

Edith Loring-Kuhanga
Board Chair
Greater Victoria School District

Cc: Board of Education
Piet Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools
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