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The Honourable John Horgan
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The Honourable Rob Fleming
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Dear Premier Horgan and Minister Fleming:

Recently, our Board passed the following motion:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) write to the Premier and Minister of Education requesting that the BC Transit Act be amended to include the appointment of a trustee of one of the School Districts falling within the Capital Regional District as a member of the regional transit commission for the greater Victoria metropolitan area.

The rationale for this motion was that the students of the Greater Victoria region provide a large percentage of ridership, particularly in School District No. 61. Decisions by BC Transit on fares and schedules have immediate and direct impacts on our students and I would expect decisions by the Board on school openings, school boundaries, programs of choice and the like have direct impacts on BC Transit.

We do recognize that we have the ability to make representations to the BC Transit and our staff do communicate, we feel that representation will only serve to benefit the students of our region as well as the transportation planning future as we continue to grow. We also understand that such an appointment would take a minor legislative amendment.

We thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,

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

Edith Loring-Kuhanga
Board Chair

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