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Edith Loring-Kuhanga, Board Chair
Greater Victoria School District Board of Education
556 Boleskine Road
Victoria BC V8Z 1E8

Reference: 276900

Dear Ms. Loring-Kuhanga,

Re: Victoria Regional Transit Commission

My colleague, the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, shared with me your letter requesting that a School District trustee be added to the Victoria Regional Transit Commission (VRTC).

Members of the VRTC vote on matters such as local tax rates, transit fares and recommended budgets. I believe these decisions should remain the responsibility of elected local government officials, who have been selected by voters to manage these sorts of issues.

As you know, the British Columbia Transit Act requires regional transit commissions to consult with the public and stakeholders, such as school boards, in preparing plans, setting fares, and establishing service standards and performance measures. This approach helps ensure the regional transit service meets the needs of all users, including students.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Trevena
Minister

Copy to: Premier John Horgan

Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
MLA, Victoria-Swan Lake