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

The Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
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Re: Employer Health Tax

Dear Minister Fleming,

At the regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) on November 26, 2018, the following motion was passed:

> That the Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) direct the Board Chair to write a letter to the Minister of Education requesting further information regarding the financial impact of the implementation of the Employer Health Tax on the District.

In July 2018, the Minister of Finance announced that the Province would be providing resources to public service entities to cover the additional costs of the transition to the Employer Health Tax (EHT) effective January 1, 2019. As a public service entity, we have not yet received communication regarding additional resources.

Our Board is in the process of preparing the final budget for 2018-2019 and the preliminary budget for 2019-2020. It is difficult to estimate the financial impact of the implementation of the EHT without further information regarding additional resources to be provided by the Province.

We are respectfully requesting further information regarding the implementation of the EHT for public service entities.

Yours sincerely,

Jordan Watters
Chair, Board of Education

Cc: Board of Education
     Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools
     BCSTA

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