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The Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045,
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Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fleming,

Re: Special Needs Designations

I am writing on behalf of the Greater Victoria School Board to seek information with respect to any updates on special needs designations. We understand that there are a variety of discussions taking place regarding current special education designation processes and what the future holds around designations in relation to funding.

Recently, our Board and school community have been discussing the value of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) being established as a standalone designation. As such, we are writing to inquire if discussions are occurring in regard to this prospect and when this addition might be anticipated to occur.

We understand that the Funding Formula Review process has yet to conclude, in the meantime however, our District like many others continues to experience challenges with limiting designation language. Our District is prioritizing inclusive education as an area of significant focus as we believe in the value of a public education that enables each child to fulfill their full potential. As we move forward, our Board believes that a stand-alone ADHD designation will better allow services to flow to students with ADHD.

Yours Sincerely,



Jordan Watters
Chair, Board of Education

Cc: Board of Education
Shelley Green, Superintendent of Schools
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The Greater Victoria School District wishes to recognize and acknowledge the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, on whose traditional territories, we live, we learn, and we do our work.