



# Board of Education

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via email: [educ.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:educ.minister@gov.bc.ca)

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

Dear Minister Whiteside:

RE: **Cancellation of 2020-2021 Foundation Skills Assessment**

The Board of Education of School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria) congratulates you on your election and on your appointment as Minister of Education. We look forward to advancing opportunities for students in our co-governance roles.

At its November 23, 2020 Regular Open Board meeting, the Board carried the following resolution:

*That the Board of Education write the Ministry of Education requesting the cancellation of the Foundation Skills Assessment for the 2020-2021 school year during COVID-19.*

We respectfully request that you consider the cancellation of the Foundation Skills Assessment in order for school districts to focus on recovering loss of learning resulting from COVID-19 along with health and safety protocols that can meet the needs and expectations of the communities we serve.

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Yours sincerely,



Jordan Watters  
Chair, Board of Education

Cc: Board of Education, School District No. 61  
Shelley Green, Superintendent/CEO  
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