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TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Jordan Watters, Board Chair  
RE: Chair's Report  
DATE: October 23, 2019

The end of September saw a record 7.6 million people show up to climate strike events around the world demanding action on climate change. Here in Victoria, I was proud to speak at the Rally and Teach-in for Climate Justice on September 23 organized by the Greater Victoria Teacher's Associations. The following day I attended the Climate Strike Rally with my children and tens of thousands of other concerned folks. Despite the despair that comes with facing the reality of the climate crisis it filled me with hope and optimism to be together with so many people demanding change with one voice. I was particularly moved by the words of Victoria High School student and Victoria Youth Poet Laureate Agartu Ali. I was glad to spend a moment with Trustee McNally and thank her for the photo included below. My son's sign reads: "Stop Driving on Gas!!!!!!!"



*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.*