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**Subject:** Re: SD61 - Letter of Response (attached)

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Good morning everyone,

Thank you for your letter.

While you all have a statutory right to come to our members meetings, we had hoped that you would have received and replied to our invitation with the same spirit of warmth with which it was extended.

It is our sincere hope that you won't all chose to attend our VCPAC meeting at once, as it doesn't appear that you are functioning well as a board at this point, and I don't think having all of you be there would create an safe environment within which our membership can do its best work. Please also note that this year we are intentionally working very hard on creating an environment that fosters and values dialogue between or members and as such, we are prioritizing the environment above all else and have to some extend relaxed the formalities of our meetings. We would ask that you each do attend to our meeting in the same spirit, and understand that we are intentionally and strategically being less formal about processes for the good of our organization.

If any of you would like to attend, please email me in advance, and I will extend our zoom meeting details to you. I won't refuse anyone, but I would like to have notice of your intention to attend and be contacted in advance.

Please be advised that our invitation to you is for you to attend the first part of our meeting, through the agenda topic of Trustee and Superintendent Discussion, at which point we want to be able to continue with our work without Trustees or the Superintendent in attendance.

As to our executive meeting, our executive can meet on March 31, 2021 at 6:30. Please let me know which three trustees will attend. As the Board appears to be split right now, we would like to limit the attendance to 2/3 trustees, with at least one of Trustee Whittaker, Trustee Duncan, Trustee Paynter or Trustee McNally in attendance. Please let me know which of you three would like to join this meeting with our executive, and I will send zoom invitations to you.

I am unsure as to why you as a board chose to send your reply to PAC chairs across the District and I would like to understand your

intention. That choice damaged the spirit of warmth and dialogue with which we extended a formal invitation to you to meet with us. Would you write to the GVTA executive and copy their membership? I look forward to receiving clarification on your thought process - I note that your reply was not discussed at an open board meeting, and can only assume that you discussed it at a in-camera meeting - which seems concerning in light of the limitations on what can be discussed in camera - which deprived the public the benefit of hearing your discussion about your response. Again, I'm looking forward to hearing your rationale at the meeting with our executive.

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