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Commissioner Mike Duheme
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Email: Michael.Duheme@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

ATTENTION: Commissioner Mike Duheme

Dear Commissioner Duheme,

RE: Greater Victoria Board of Education SPLO Program Decision

On May 31, 2023, the Board of Education ended the School Police Liaison Officer Program which involved School Police Liaison Officers from Oak Bay Police, Saanich, and the RCMP (Police Liaison Officers have not been present in Victoria and Esquimalt schools since 2018).

The Board of Education is deeply committed to creating and maintaining safe, welcoming, and inclusive school environments for all members of our learning community. We believe that every student deserves an environment in which they can thrive academically and personally. Students in Greater Victoria School District will continue to receive the necessary support and care from trained, certified, and regulated professionals in schools and community.

We are committed to maintaining strong relationships with local police and to clearly defining their roles within our schools. Police play a key role in keeping our school communities safe. In the event of a school emergency, we want to emphasize that our existing protocols for lockdowns, critical incidents, and violent threat risk assessments continue to be in effect.

Our Board of Education would be pleased to meet with you to discuss the decision and our shared responsibility for student safety moving forward. We look forward to hearing from you regarding your availability to meet with our Board.

Yours sincerely,



Nicole Duncan
Chair, Board of Education
School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria)

cc: Board of Education, School District No. 61
Deb Whitten, Superintendent, School District No. 61
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