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## **Honourable Anne Kang**

Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training PO Box 9885 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9T6

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Dear Minister Kang,

The Vancouver School Board greatly appreciates the different teacher education programs available in the province. As we recruit new teachers, along with school districts from across the province, we are repeatedly reminded of, and run up against, the ongoing teacher shortage. To this end, we are writing to post-secondary institutions with teacher education programs and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training to strongly advocate for an increase in the number of seats allocated to each post-secondary institution.

The Vancouver School District continues to experience teacher shortages and we urge the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training to continue to work with post-secondary institutions to increase enrolment for teacher education programs.

If there is anything further that we can do to assist you with this work, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With regards,

Carmen Cho Board Chair

cc: BC Teachers' Council

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Teri Mooring, President, BC Teachers' Federation

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