



# Vancouver Board of Education

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Jonathan X. Cote  
Chair, Translink Mayors' Council  
Mayor, City of New Westminster  
511 Royal Avenue  
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Dear Mayor Cote,

**Re: All On Board request for free transit access for children**

On behalf of the Vancouver Board of Education I wish to share a motion passed at our March 4, 2019 public Board meeting in support of All On Board's efforts to ensure free transit access for children.

The motion passed indicates that, "...the Vancouver Board of Education endorses, with a letter to TransLink's Mayor Council, All On Board's request for free transit access for children under 18 years of age and supports the proposal of reduced-price transit, based on a sliding scale using the Market Basket Measure, for all low income people."

As a Board, we believe it incumbent upon all public sector institutions to rally together in support our most vulnerable youth. The removal of barriers created by socio-economic circumstances is essential to ensuring young people are able to get to school, work and access social supports so they have a strong connection to their communities – a vital element in their development. As such, we are pleased to join with All On Board in advocating for free transit for children under 18 years of age.

I wish to thank you and your fellow council members for consideration in this important regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Fraser".

Janet Fraser  
Board Chair

cc: VBE Trustees

Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent of Schools

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