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Janet Fraser, Chair  
Vancouver Board of Education  
c/o mmyuen@vsb.bc.ca

291898 - Vancouver School Safety

Dear Chair Fraser,

Please find attached correspondence from the Honourable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Office of the Minister  
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure



March 25, 2020

Janet Fraser, Chair  
Vancouver Board of Education  
1580 West Broadway  
Vancouver BC V6J 5K8

Reference: 291898

Dear Chair Fraser,

**Re: Vancouver School Safety**

Thank you for your letters regarding active transportation and safety around Vancouver schools.

I was glad to read about the Vancouver Board of Education's goal to make it safer and more enjoyable for children to get to school using active forms of transportation. As you know, this goal aligns with the provincial government's new active transportation strategy—Move. Commute. Connect. The Province wants to make active transportation safer and more convenient for everyone, with the goal of doubling the percentage of active transportation trips by 2030.

As part of our strategy, we will help fund the planning of safe and active routes to school. Ministry staff are currently working with colleagues across government and at TransLink on this initiative.

We are also funding the Everyone Rides Grade 4 to 5 pilot project to provide bike skills courses in Metro Vancouver, Greater Victoria and Kelowna this spring. This project includes in-class and on-bike training for students to gain confidence and learn the rules of the road to increase safety.

The ministry also supports the development of active transportation infrastructure to connect residents with key destinations, such as schools. The Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program shares the cost of active transportation projects in communities across B.C. The program accepts applications from Indigenous and local governments and prioritizes projects that are near schools. You can learn more about this program online at: [www.gov.bc.ca/activetransportationgrant](http://www.gov.bc.ca/activetransportationgrant)

I am interested to review the upcoming report from City of Vancouver staff, and I look forward to working with the Board to promote active transportation and ensure the areas around schools remain safe for children.

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Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Claire Trevena', with a stylized, cursive script.

Claire Trevena  
Minister

Copy to:       Honourable Rob Fleming  
                  Minister of Education  
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# Vancouver Board of Education

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January 23, 2020

Honourable Claire Trevena  
Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure  
PO Box 9055 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Trevena,

The Vancouver Board of Education is very concerned about the safety of students as they arrive at and leave from their schools.

At the November 25, 2019 Vancouver School Board meeting, the Board passed the following motions regarding improving transportation safety.

*That the Board directs the Chair to write a letter to the Provincial Ministers of Education and Transportation, the Federal Minister of Transportation and Vancouver Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) informing them of our goal of improving transportation safety around schools, and invite their participation and support.*

*FURTHER THAT the letter includes the Board's support of the new provincial Active Transportation Strategy highlighting the need for the Strategy to address Safe Routes to Schools.*

The Board also directed VSB staff to prepare a report for the January 2020 Board meeting which identifies all of the work being done in the district regarding transportation safety and promoting walking or rolling to schools, including elementary, secondary, adult education and alternative schools.

The Vancouver School Board passed these motions in order to work with the City of Vancouver, which approved the following motions at the Standing Committee of City Finance and Services meeting on October 2, 2019:

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council direct staff to collaborate with the Vancouver School Board and report back on recommendations for improving transportation safety in Vancouver's school zones, while actively promoting walking or rolling to schools. This report should include:*

- a) *A review, in concert with reports on the Greenways and Slower, Safer Streets programs, of current infrastructure and City policies pertaining to pedestrian and cyclist safety around Vancouver's schools, any necessary infrastructure or policy changes to ensure increased safety of children, staff and families, and proposed budgets and timelines;*

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- b) *Engagement and consultation with the public, schools and Parent Advisory Councils (PACs), the District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC), local and Provincial Public Health authorities, and the City's Transportation Advisory Committee, as integrated with and complementary to the city-wide planning process;*
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*FURTHER THAT Council direct the Mayor to write a letter to the Provincial Ministers of Education, Health, and Transportation informing them of Council's goal of improving transportation safety around schools, and request their support and participation;*

*AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to review and reconsider its policy of not installing 30km/hr school zones and signage on arterials.*

With regards to the Board's support on a strategy to address Safe Routes to School, at its March 4, 2019 meeting, the Board passed the following motion in support of the All on Board campaign:

*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.*

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As our Board moves forward in these initiatives to improve student safety with regards to transportation around VSB schools, and in all schools across the province, we invite your support in this important work.

With regards,



Janet Fraser  
Board Chair

cc: VBE Trustees  
Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent  
J. David Green, Secretary-Treasurer





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The Vancouver Board of Education is very concerned about the safety of students as they arrive at and leave from their schools.

At the November 25, 2019 Vancouver School Board meeting, the Board passed the following motion regarding transportation funding:

*That the Board asks the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to fund improvements that promote active transportation to and from schools.*

The Vancouver School Board trustees are in support of the new provincial Active Transportation Strategy, highlighting the need for the Strategy to address Safe Routes to School.

As the government moves forward with this initiative, we ask that the upcoming provincial budget allocates funding for this important work.

With regards,

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Janet Fraser  
Board Chair

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January 23, 2020

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Ministry of Education  
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Hello,

The attached letters regarding Transportation Advocacy and Transportation Funding were sent to Minister Claire Trevana on January 23, 2020 via mail. Please confirm receipt. Thank you!

Cheers!

**Maggie Yuen**

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