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Carmen Cho, Chair  
Board of Education  
School District No. 39 (Vancouver)  
**Email: [Carmen.cho@vsb.bc.ca](mailto:Carmen.cho@vsb.bc.ca)**

Dear Carmen Cho:

Thank you for your letter of February 5, 2021, advocating for an increase to the Annual Facility Grant (AFG).

As you are aware, the AFG is part of the Asset Rehabilitation and Maintenance suite of funding programs which is provided to boards of education to address repair and maintenance priorities at schools within the 12 categories of eligible expenditures listed within the [AFG Policy](#), to ensure these facilities are safe and functioning well.

The amount of a board of education's AFG is calculated using a formula based generally on student enrolment and average age of facilities, with an adjustment made for unique geographic factors.

With this in mind, AFG allocations in 2020/21 ranged from \$262,898 to \$11,434,930, with School District No. 39 (Vancouver) receiving the second highest amount of \$10,834,407, as identified in the [2020/21 Annual Facility Grant \(AFG\) Allocation by district \(PDF\)](#) table.

The Ministry of Education is currently taking part in the Budget 2021 process and will be better positioned to communicate the 2021/2022 AFG allocation after the Budget 2021 announcement.

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Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Whiteside".

Jennifer Whiteside  
Minister

pc: Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent, Vancouver School Board  
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