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Honourable Rob Fleming

Ministry of Education

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Dear Minister Fleming,

At the June 22, 2020 Board meeting, the Vancouver Board of Education unanimously passed the following motion regarding Canadian Black History Education:

That the Vancouver Board of Education request the Ministry of Education to work with stakeholders and the community to develop curriculum, learning resources and professional development related to Canadian Black History, including the contributions made by Black Canadians. Moreover, that the VSB inform the Ministry of Education of its willingness to pilot curriculum, learning resources and professional development in this subject.

The Vancouver School District is continuing to work on initiatives to address systemic racism that include anti-racism leads in schools, adding resources to school libraries, creating an Anti-Racism District resource teacher position, hosting an anti-racism youth summit, developing an online diversity toolkit, professional development for administrators and teachers and developing a BAA course on Canadian Black history. Our District is very appreciative of working on these initiatives with our stakeholders as well as Black community members and organizations.

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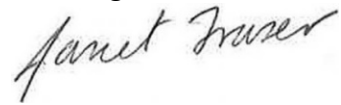
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In recent months you have commented on provincial support for curriculum and resources relating to Canadian Black history. Our District looks forward to the opportunity to collaborate at the provincial level to support all students, and in particular Black students, families and staff, across British Columbia in having Black history and the contributions made by Black Canadians better reflected in their learning.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

With regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Fraser".

Janet Fraser
Board Chair

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