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Hello Mayor Stewart and Councillors,

Please find attached a letter from VSB Board Chair Janet Fraser regarding Olympic Village.

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October 7, 2020

Mayor Kennedy Stewart and City Councillors
City of Vancouver
3rd Floor, City Hall
453 West 12th Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Y 1V4

Dear Mayor Stewart and City Councillors,

At the public meeting of the Board of Education held on September 28, 2020 the Board passed the following motion:

That a letter be written to the City of Vancouver requesting land be given to the Vancouver School District at nominal cost for the school site in Olympic Village.

As we all know, there have been multiple requests from the Olympic Village community for an elementary school in their neighbourhood, in particular over the past few years due to the increase in families with young children. The District has requested funding for the school in its annual Five-Year Capital Plan submission for several years. The Five-Year Capital Plan submission is a provincial process where requests from all sixty school districts are evaluated by the Ministry and capital funding for new schools is allocated based on priority rankings established by the Ministry. In recent conversations with the Ministry it has been made clear to the District that before capital funding for a school in Olympic Village would be considered in this process the District must have title to the property the school would be built on. Section 98 (1) of the *School Act* states:

- (1) The construction by a board of a new building must not be started unless*
- (a) title to the site for the new building is held by the board, or*
 - (b) use of the site is approved by the minister.*

The *School Act* also provides some guidance on the transfer of title of the Olympic Village site to the Board of Education at nominal cost in Section 97 (1) and (2):

- (1) Unless otherwise approved by the minister, a board may acquire assets only in its name.*
- (2) Assets that are used by the board and that are vested in a municipality may, by agreement between the board and the municipality, be transferred without charge to the board or remain vested in the municipality.*

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The Board of Education would welcome further discussion with you on acquiring title of the Olympic Village site, including making a presentation at a meeting of Council.

With Regards,



Janet Fraser
Board Chair

cc: VBE Trustees
Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent
J. David Green, Secretary-Treasurer
Sadhu Johnston, City of Vancouver, City Manager