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Carmen Cho, Chair  
Vancouver Board of Education  
**Email: carmen.cho@vsb.bc.ca**

Dear Ms Cho:

I write in response to a letter, of November 9, 2020, sent to the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, from Vancouver Board of Education's former Chair, Janet Fraser, regarding funding for a new school in the Olympic Village.

I appreciate the Board sharing its support for a new school in the Olympic Village area.

The Ministry of Education recognizes a new school in the Olympic Village area as a priority and is actively considering the District's request for the next round of capital funding, as part of Budget 2021. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the VBE to provide students with modern and safe learning environments across Vancouver.

As you know, the Ministry has been working closely with the District to accelerate the school Seismic Mitigation Program. Since September 2017, the Ministry has approved 12 seismic projects in Vancouver, with a value of \$325 million, that will create almost 7,000 more safe seats. This investment represents a strong commitment to seismic mitigation in Vancouver and a significant acceleration of investment compared to previous years.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Whiteside  
Minister

pc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier  
Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent, School District No. 39 (Vancouver)  
David Green, Secretary Treasurer, School District No. 39 (Vancouver)  
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