



# Vancouver Board of Education

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**RE: Public Education Funding**

Dear Minister Fleming and Minister James,

At its November 25, 2019 meeting, the Vancouver School Board passed the following motion:

*That we ask the provincial government to increase public education funding, specifically a significant increase to the per pupil amount, in order to better meet the needs of Vancouver students.*

The VBE recently completed a "Needs Budget" exercise that had major themes of equity and advocacy. The needs that could be specifically identified as unfunded cost pressures totalled \$26.2 million.

The Vancouver School Board trustees believe adequate and stable funding is essential to meet the needs of Vancouver students. We are optimistic that the upcoming provincial budget will better meet the needs of British Columbia's students.

With Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Janet Fraser'.

Janet Fraser  
Board Chair

cc: VBE Trustees  
Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent  
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