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Janet Fraser, Chair
Vancouver Board of Education
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Dear Ms. Fraser:

Thank you for your letter of June 8, 2020, regarding the Ministry of Education's Capital Plan Response Letter to the Vancouver School District's 2020/21 Five-Year Capital Plan submission.

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 mitigation 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.

As noted in the Capital Plan Response Letter, an up to date Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to support school district capital plan submissions. will enable the Ministry to prioritize future capital investment in your school district. I understand the Vancouver Board of Education is still working towards a final LRFP which, when approved by the Board, is expected to include information needed to support the prioritization of projects in your annual capital plan submissions. It should also include capital planning and program considerations that promote the efficient and optimal use of facilities and across the District.

Again, thank you for writing. I appreciate having the opportunity to review your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Fleming". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Rob Fleming
Minister

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