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Dear Premier Horgan and the Vancouver Members of the Legislative Assembly,

Congratulations on being chosen by your constituents to be their provincial representative. The Vancouver School Board looks forward to continuing to build strong and productive relationships with local MLAs and the provincial government in support of student success in the public education system.

To that end, our Board passed the following motion at our October 26, 2020 Board meeting:

That in response to this weekend's BC NDP election win, that the VBE writes Premier John Horgan and Vancouver MLA's to ask for full funding of the Olympic Village Elementary school as promised by NDP candidates George Heyman and Brenda Bailey during the election [campaign] on October 10, 2020, with funding to come from the recently announced Recovery Investment Fund.

The Olympic Village neighbourhood is a growing community and young families are steadily moving into this area. There are growing concerns that there is not an elementary school within walking distance, and that the catchment school does not have enough space for all the in catchment students. The Board appreciates that there is recognition of the need to expedite the building of an Olympic Village elementary school.

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The Board of Education looks forward to working collaboratively with the Ministry of Education and the City of Vancouver so that this school's construction can move forward as quickly as possible. We have clearly heard that an elementary school in the Olympic Village is key to building a complete walkable community and we appreciate the community voice in advocating for families with young children.

With regards,



Janet Fraser
Board Chair

cc: VBE Trustees
Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent
J. David Green, Secretary-Treasurer
Mayor Kennedy Stewart and City Councillors