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Subject: Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 4:08:08 PM

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As a concerned community member, former VSB trustee, and public education advocate of nearly 25 years, I am writing to urge you to advocate for increased funding for public education in British Columbia. We know that public schools play a critical role in supporting the learning, health, and development of our youth and reducing societal inequities. However, British Columbia has chronically spent well under the Canadian average of public education funding, leaving our province billions of dollars behind the national average.

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Yours sincerely,
Carrie Bercic

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Paul Falardeau

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Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 7:52:37 PM

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Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 1:47:00 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Louella Vincent

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Yours sincerely,
Michael Polak

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:41:56 PM

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Yours sincerely,
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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:17:45 PM

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Yours sincerely,
jamey Mills

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 12:08:23 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:47:16 AM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 10:19:55 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
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Yours sincerely,
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Subject: Please advocate for increased funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 5:48:52 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 8:18:24 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 6:41:45 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 10:54:22 AM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Friday, March 31, 2023 5:34:25 AM

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Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023 8:20:06 PM

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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
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Subject: Urging VSB Trustees to Advocate for Increased Funding for Public Education
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023 9:54:06 AM

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