



Vancouver Board of Education

School District No. 39

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December 21, 2015

The Honourable Christy Clark
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The Honourable Mike Bernier
Minister of Education
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The Honourable Michael de Jong
Minister of Finance
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Dear Premier Clark, Minister Bernier, and Minister de Jong:

On September 21, 2015, the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) submitted its "Budget 2016 Consultation" to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

In that document, the VSB recommended that the provincial government:

1. Provide stable, predictable and adequate funding to enable school districts to fulfill their responsibility to provide continued equitable access to quality public education.
2. Fully fund cost increases negotiated by, or mandated by the province.
3. Review and increase supplemental funding grants for students with special needs.
4. Provide funding for increased maintenance and upgrades to address needs of aging school facilities.
5. Provide sufficient capital funding to honour the provincial government's commitment to upgrade or replace schools that have a high seismic risk by 2020.
6. Should, as a priority goal, develop and implement a poverty reduction strategy and ensure all families have access to affordable, quality childcare.
7. Provide adequate provincial funding that fully supports Adult Education programs.

As a follow up to the submitted report, the VSB passed the following motion at the December 14, 2015 Board Meeting:

That the VSB prepare a joint letter to the Premier of BC, Minister of Education, and Minister of Finance to ask the government to ensure that all K-12 recommendations of the Select Standing

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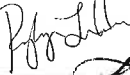
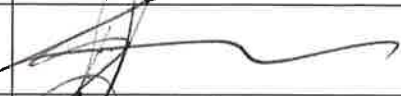






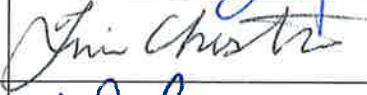

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Committee consultation regarding the 2016 BC budget are reflected in the 2016 BC Budget and invite representatives from all VBE Stakeholders to sign the letter, along with the Board.

In order for BC school districts to preserve and improve opportunities and outcomes for all BC students it is imperative that the K-12 2016 recommendations are acknowledged and acted upon in the 2016 BC budget. The province of BC continues to have the second lowest per student funding in Canada which is not good enough for our students.

We implore you to ensure that the needs of BC students are met through the 2016 budget so that school boards can ensure we are meeting the learning of all students in safe and well maintained buildings.

Sincerely,

Mike Lombardi, Chairperson Vancouver Board of Education	
Mabel Sun, Chairperson District Parent Advisory Council (DPAC)	
Will Bacarac and Reylyn Labrador, Co-Presidents Vancouver District Student Council (VDSC)	
Rory Brown, President Vancouver Secondary Teachers' Association (VSTA)	
Dan Graves, President Vancouver Elementary School Teachers' Association (VESTA)	
Marion Broadbent, President Vancouver Elementary Principals and Vice Principals Association (VEPVPA)	
Roberto Moro, President Vancouver Associate of Secondary School Administrators (VASSA)	
Gerhard Maynard, President Professional and Administrative Staff Association (PASA)	
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