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Premier Gordon Campbell
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Dear Premier Campbell:

I am writing to thank you for meeting with Vancouver Board of Education trustees on April 8 to discuss our school district's operating budget pressures.

As we mentioned during that meeting, Vancouver is facing a \$7.12 million operating budget deficit for the 2009/10 school year. District staff and trustees continue to develop proposals to reduce the shortfall while minimizing the impact on classroom services.

Despite our district's financial challenges, there is much to celebrate within public education, including the eight capital projects announced recently. The investment of nearly \$170 million will help us ensure those Vancouver schools are seismically safe should an earthquake strike. It also allows us to capitalize on a rare and unique opportunity with the redevelopment of University of B.C. area schools.

The good news extends beyond the capital planning process. There are many successful projects that could realize greater results with the benefit of additional funding.

Trustees look forward to discussing these projects with you, and working together to ensure we are meeting the learning needs of Vancouver students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patti Bacchus'.

Patti Bacchus
Chairperson, Vancouver Board of Education

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