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Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid
Minister of Education and Minister Responsible
For Early Learning and Literacy
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Dear Minister MacDiarmid:

Re: **Provincial Funding**

At a special board meeting held on September 9, 2009, the Vancouver Board of Education passed the following motion:

"That the VSB request the Province of BC to reinstate grants to public libraries, BC School Sports, the Arts and Culture Community, and other community groups."

Over the last few months a number of provincial grants to public or community organizations which support or are associated with education have been cut or eliminated. These organizations provide a valuable service and complement the work being done in our schools. Without adequate funding, these services will be significantly reduced or lost as school boards are not in a position to offset or replace the loss in provincial funding to these organizations.

On behalf of our educational partners, the Vancouver Board of Education requests that the Province reinstate the grants to the above-noted organizations.

Yours truly,

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

Patti Bacchus
Chairperson of the Board

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