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Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid  
Minister of Education and Minister responsible for  
Early Learning and Literacy  
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Dear Honourable MacDiarmid,

## Re: The Elimination of Provincial Operating Grant to B.C. School Sports

We write to express our concern regarding the elimination of a provincial grant to the B.C. School Sports (BCSS) organization. As you know, BCSS supports the work of school districts to provide opportunities for students who compete in organized sport. Our volunteer coaches, who spend countless hours with students on a variety of teams throughout the year, will find themselves with less support as a result of the cuts. Direct support for students in the form of scholarships and participation in student leadership conferences will be lost. In fact, the organization itself is in jeopardy. We know how important physical activity is for students. We are extremely concerned about the consequences of this budget decision.

We strongly support the work of our coaches and the efforts of our students. We write this letter to strongly advocate for the reinstatement of the operating grant for BCSS for the 2009-2010 school year and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Pacchus'.

Patti Bacchus  
Chairperson  
Vancouver Board of Education

cc: Sue Keenan, Executive Director, BCSS  
Secondary School Athletic Directors  
Harp Sohi, Coordinator of District Athletics  
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