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Re: Changes to the Education Guarantee

The Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) has asked me to write you to express its concerns about the proposed changes to the Education Guarantee, which were introduced on May 1, 2012.

We are concerned about both the imposed limits on tuition-free courses, and the changes to the funding allocation for Distributed Learning (DL) and Continuing Education (CE) courses. The effect of these proposed changes will be borne not only by graduated adults, but by all students in Adult Education. We anticipate that due to tuition fees for graduated adults the overall enrollment will decrease, resulting in the loss of course offerings to under 19 year old and non-graduated students, as well. The changes to the funding allocation process means that the district will be placed in the position of having to expend funds on staff and resources prior to having full funding in place, and without a guarantee of full compensation for these expenses. Given ongoing budget challenges and pressures, this is an unworkable and unsustainable funding model.

We urge the BCSTA to lobby the Minister to rescind the proposed changes to the Education Guarantee immediately.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'P Bacchus'.

Patti Bacchus  
Chairperson

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