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On behalf of myself as Chair, and by the unanimous resolution of our Trustees, I am writing to express the support of the Vancouver Board of Education (VBE) for a “Yes” vote in the upcoming transportation referendum.

The VBE provides instruction to 29,000 elementary students, 26,000 secondary students, and 2,500 adult education students. This is achieved through the efforts of more than 7,000 full-time and part-time staff. All of these students and staff commute regularly to and from schools.

Transportation improvements proposed through the Mayor’s Council Plan will benefit our school communities. This includes elementary students seeking more active travel options within catchments, secondary students commuting across the city to access our numerous specialty programs, and our staff - many of whom commute from across the Metro Vancouver region.

Within our District and with our school communities we are promoting the referendum, publicizing the voting period, encouraging our staff and parent communities to participate in the referendum, and promoting the Board’s position through our website and social media channels.

In support of this referendum we encourage the “Yes” campaign to list the VBE as a supporter of a Yes vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Christopher Richardson'.

Christopher Richardson
Chairperson

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