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Letter by hand

Mr. D. Scott MacDonald
Deputy Minister of Education
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Dear Deputy Minister MacDonald:

Congratulations on your recent appointment as BC's Deputy Minister of Education. We appreciate the breadth of experience that you bring to this very important position from your related roles and responsibilities, serving as Assistant Deputy Minister, as well as working directly within the Ministry of Education in various capacities.

We are keenly interested in establishing a positive and collaborative working relationship with both you and the Minister of Education to advance quality public education for the children and community served by the Vancouver Board of Education. We are proud of the progress that has been achieved within the school district, but also wish to acknowledge that there are tremendous opportunities for improvement within BC's public education system to meet the needs, interests and passions of our children, staff and community.

There are a number of unique challenges facing the Vancouver Board of Education that will require careful attention by the Ministry in the very near future. We believe that it will be of mutual benefit to arrange an additional meeting with you that will allow for more detailed discussion of these matters over an extended period of time. Please advise when it will be convenient for you to arrange for a more in-depth meeting.

We wish you the greatest success in your new role and look forward to working together with you and the Ministry in advancing public education for our students and our province.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dianne Turner in black ink.

Dianne Turner
Official Trustee

Handwritten signature of John Lewis in black ink.

John Lewis
Superintendent of Schools (Interim)

cc. Guy Bonnefoy, Secretary Treasurer (Interim)