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Letter by hand

The Honourable Robert Fleming
Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Fleming:

Congratulations on your recent appointment to the very important cabinet position as BC's Minister of Education. We appreciate the perspective that you have gained through your years of service as Education Critic for the New Democratic Party. Your dedication and commitment to public education is evident and most appreciated.

We look forward to establishing a positive and collaborative working relationship with both you and the Deputy Minister 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.

As you will be aware, 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 thank you for extending an invitation to meet with us to address these matters in a preliminary meeting. We believe that it will be of mutual benefit to arrange an additional meeting 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 very best in your new role and look forward to working together with you and your Ministry in advancing public education for our students and our province.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dianne Turner in cursive.

Dianne Turner
Official Trustee

Handwritten signature of John Lewis in cursive.

John Lewis
Superintendent of Schools (Interim)

cc. Guy Bonnefoy, Secretary Treasurer (Interim)