Vancouver Board of Education

School District No. 39

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The Honourable Robert Fleming Minister of Education PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fleming:

On December 18, 2017 the Board of Education of School District No. 39 (Vancouver) unanimously passed the following resolution:

"The Vancouver School Board urges the provincial government to make accommodating and expanding 0-4 and out-of-school childcare a required part of the area standards and program requirements for future new schools and seismic upgrades."

One of the realities of the 21st century is that most families require childcare for their young children. Often there is not a caregiver at home for infant children, those in preschool, and those who are in Kindergarten to grade 7. Our society needs public space for child care associated with the K-7 schools which acknowledges this reality.

The Board looks forward to your response.

Respectfully,

Janet Fraser Chairperson

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