



July 4, 2012

Honourable Minister, George Abbott
Ministry of Education
PO Box 9045
Stn Provincial Government
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Honourable Minister Abbott:

Re: School District Funding

Recently our Board received a copy of the letter forwarded to your office by the Vancouver Board of Education urging the Ministry to work constructively with the Cowichan Valley School Board on matters related to their budget. We understand the letter was forwarded in support of the Cowichan Valley Board's request that the Ministry consult with the community to craft a budget that will meet the learning needs of their school district.

The intent of this letter is to convey our Board's support for the notion that additional consultation with communities and school districts across the province to craft budgets that meet the learning needs of students would be valuable.

We are hopeful the Ministry will consider this type of dialogue within its work plan over the coming year.

Sincerely,

Mike Murray VICE CHAIR
FOR

Mike Murray, Chairperson
Board of Education

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