



September 25, 2013

Honourable Minister, Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
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Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Honourable Minister Fassbender:

**Invitation to visit School District 42**

First, let me thank you for attending the September 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with School Board Chairs to clarify the government's thoughts with respect to the upcoming negotiations with Teachers. We are hopeful of a positive outcome once the talks begin in earnest.

During your presentation on September 5<sup>th</sup> you indicated a desire to visit School Districts throughout the Province to speak directly with Trustees and Senior Staff to learn more about their successes and challenges. In response we wish to extend an invitation to you to visit School District 42 (Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows) at your convenience, to talk with us and see and hear about some of the innovations which have characterized our District for many years. We are certain our trades training partnerships with VCC, BCIT and Kwantlen University/College, the use of technology in our classrooms and other innovative practices would be of interest.

We would also appreciate an opportunity to discuss how we can collaborate with the Ministry to ensure we can achieve the mutual objectives we hold for transformation of the education system into the future.

We hope you will be able to find some time in your very busy schedule to spend a half day with us in your neighbor community. Of course we would be pleased to extend the invitation to both our local MLAs as well once a date is established.

Thank you for considering our invitation.

Sincerely

Mike Murray  
Chair

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