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Honourable Minister, Rob Fleming
Ministry of Education
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

RE: Funding Model Review

The Board of Education for Maple Ridge - Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 appreciates the extensive funding model review consultation undertaken by the Ministry of Education to date, and would like to thank the Working Groups for their work and the detailed recommendations put forward to government.

As you consider next steps, our board would like you to consider continuing the engagement with the sector regarding contemplated policy changes and the full financial model of the proposed formula.

Boards will be required to implement the contemplated policy changes in their school districts and we believe that by engaging sector representatives in the drafting of changes to policies the new policies are more likely to meet the needs of both government and school districts.

We also believe that it is important for government to share a full financial model of the new formula with the sector. We understand that the actual allocations will not be known before the provincial budget is tabled in February; however, we would like to encourage you to engage sector experts in the building and testing of the new funding model.

We are looking forward to engaging further with you and your representatives regarding the implementation of changes to the K-12 Public Education Funding Model.

Thank you for your time and for considering our recommendations.



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