



## BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

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### **RE: 2013 B.C. CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS - MEMBER RESOLUTIONS**

Dear Minister Virk,

At the 2013 BCCPAC Annual General Meeting, member delegates representing Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) and District Parent Advisory Councils (DPACs) gathered together from around the province to discuss important issues vital to student success and approved several resolutions.

At this time, we would like to bring to your attention the following resolution:

#### ***2013.7. Educational Electronic Device PST Tax Exemption and Tax Refund or Credit***

The BCCPAC will work with the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Advanced Education and Ministry of Finance to eliminate the PST on electronic devices essential for the New Education Plan, as outlined in the Ministry of Education's 21st Century Learning Plan. Devices such as, but not limited to, laptops, Ipads, tablets, computers, notebooks, E-readers, scientific and graphing calculators would be categorized as "school supplies" when being used for educational purposes for children aged 5 to 19 years of age. In addition to the PST exemption, we request that a tax credit or tax rebate be offered to offset the additional cost of technology.

We have included a compilation of all the approved resolutions and corresponding rationale from our 2013 annual general meeting for your convenience.

We kindly ask that you review this resolution and provide a written response indicating steps you are prepared to take to address the concerns expressed. We also welcome an opportunity to discuss this in person with your organization at your earliest convenience. If you have any comments or questions please respond to [info@bccpac.bc.ca](mailto:info@bccpac.bc.ca)

Sincerely,

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