



BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

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Honourable Michael de Jong
Ministry of Finance
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RE: 2013 B.C. CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS - MEMBER RESOLUTIONS

Dear Minister de Jong,

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 resolutions:

2013.3 Change To Funding Formula For New School Construction

The BCCPAC lobby the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Finance to change the current funding formula when calculating the anticipated enrolment of a new or replacement school. It is requested that this new formula would utilize leading indicators like pre-school enrolment and birth rates, as well as current K-12 population, to predict appropriate school size requirements in the planning and funding process.

7. Educational Electronic Device PST Tax Exemption and Tax Refund or Credit

the BCCPAC 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 from our 2013 annual general meeting and corresponding rationale for your convenience.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Berting". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending to the left and a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Terry Berting, BCCPAC President
On behalf of the BCCPAC Board of Directors
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