BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

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RE: 2014 B.C. CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS - MEMBER RESOLUTIONS

Dear Mr. Iker,

At the 2014 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; we kindly ask that you review these resolutions **listed in Section A** and provide a written response indicating steps you are prepared to take to address the concerns expressed. We also welcome an opportunity to discuss them in person with your organization at your earliest convenience.

Section A:

2014.21 Requirement to maintain Currency for Teachers
BCCPAC call on the BC Teachers' Council to require that all teaching certificate holders update and maintain their skills to the standard level expected of newly certified certificate holders.

2014.22 Updating Teaching Standards
BCCPAC call on the BC Teachers' Council to complete their review and update current teaching standards for teaching certificate holders prior to the start of the 2015/2016 School Year.

In addition we have listed the following related resolutions (*Section B*) brought forward by various parties that may be of interest:

Section B:

2014.2 Equitable Funding of Provincially Negotiated K-12 Education Public Sector Employee Wage and Benefit Increases.
BCCPAC urge the BC Government to fully fund all provincially negotiated K-12 education public sector employee wage and benefit increases through a corresponding increase to the School District Operating Budgets.

2014.3 Helping, Not Harming: Supporting Young People in Schools through Effective School Policy
BCCPAC insist the Ministry of Education demonstrate leadership in mandating and supporting school boards and districts to adopt evidence-based policies and practices that can better support young people who may be contravening district policies (i.e., alternatives to suspension).

2014.4 Mathematics Curriculum Prior to Grade 6
BCCPAC urgently request the Ministry of Education to make the following changes to the math curriculum:

1. All students will demonstrate mastery of the math facts, including multiplication tables to 10.
2. All students will demonstrate mastery of the four standard vertical algorithms (addition, subtraction with a borrow, multiplication and long division). These algorithms must be taught using effective conventional methods.
3. All students will demonstrate mastery of basic fractions.

Mastery can only occur through daily practice in the classroom and there must be ongoing assessment throughout the school year to determine where progress is made and intensive intervention where improvement is required for each student. Students with an IEP/LP may demonstrate this mastery in accordance with their IEP/LP. Every effort must be made to support student master of these skills prior to Grade 6.

2014.8 New Public School Funding Model
BCCPAC advocate for revisions to the public school funding model to ensure that student services and classroom supports are protected.

2014.9 Defining and Advocating for Learning Conditions
BCCPAC develops a functional definition for "learning conditions" and as a result of this information, BCCPAC actively seeks to be consulted by the Ministry of Education on issues related to learning conditions.

2014.11 Reporting on the Use of Restraint
BCCPAC advocates for processes to ensure, when restraint is used on a student, that the parents are informed as soon as possible that a detailed report of the incident is included in the student's file and sent directly to Principal and District Superintendent.

2014.13 Reporting on Student Removal from Classroom
BCCPAC advocates for processes to ensure that when a student is removed from a classroom for non-educational reasons, the incident is recorded and the parents are notified.

2014.14 History of Residential Schools in the Curriculum
BCCPAC advocates for the inclusion of the Aboriginal Residential School experience in Social Studies curriculums for all school levels using age appropriate education materials.

2014.15 Expanded Basic Training and Professional Development for Teachers
BCCPAC advocates for expanded training at Universities to better equip new teachers to teach to our diverse population.

And be it further resolved that BCCPAC advocates for support and resources for classroom teachers to expand their professional skill sets with respect to teaching to diversity and managing student behaviors.

2014.16 Accountability for School Related Associations
BCCPAC advocates to ensure that all school related associations consult with parents on policy issues and that they have an appeals process that provides for the inclusion of parent representation.

2014.17 Advocating for Counselling Resources in BC Schools
BCCPAC be directed to actively advocate for increased counselling resources in BC schools.

2014.20 Support for the Draft Curriculum
BCCPAC supports the direction of the new draft curriculum as presented on the website:
https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca

2014.24 Reporting on the use of Seclusion or Isolation
That BCCPAC advocates for processes to ensure, when seclusion or isolation is used on a student, that the parents are informed as soon as possible and that a detailed report of the incident is included in the student's file and sent directly to the principal and the district superintendent.

2014.25 Alternatives to Seclusion or Isolation
That BCCPAC advocate for evidence based alternatives to the use of seclusion and isolation that provide effective resolution and preserve and protect the rights of students.

We have included a compilation of all the approved resolutions from our 2014 Annual General Meeting for your convenience.

If you have any comments or questions please respond to info@bccpac.bc.ca

Sincerely,

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