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The Honourable Colin Hansen
Minister of Finance
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Dear Minister Hansen,

At the 2008 BCCPAC Annual General Meeting, member delegates representing PACs and DPACs came together from across the province to discuss issues vital to student success.

Several resolutions were specifically destined to your Ministry, and we bring these to your attention.

Resolution 2008.18: Provincial Funding for DPACs

Be it resolved:

BCCPAC request that the Ministry of Education provide direct funding for DPACs, on a per-pupil basis.

Resolution 2008.21: Student Loan Forgiveness for School District Employees

BCCPAC strongly urge the provincial government, on behalf of rural school districts, to provide and fund incentive, including the implementation of the forgiveness for student loan program, to allow these districts to attract and retain qualified individuals.

Resolution 2008.30: Child Poverty is Also an Education Problem

Be it resolved:

That the BCCPAC petition the provincial government to recognize that children in poverty are one of the greatest challenges to the education of all our children, and that more action is needed to address child poverty in B.C.

Resolution 2008.31: Cost Neutral Carbon Tax

Be it resolved:

That BCCPAC strongly and immediately urge the provincial government to exempt school districts from the newly created carbon tax indefinitely.

We kindly ask that you review these resolutions and welcome an opportunity to discuss them with you at your earliest convenience.

For the future, for all our children,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Broda".

Ron Broda
BCCPAC President & CEO