



BC CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS

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Mr Gordon Li, President
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RE: 2015 B.C. CONFEDERATION OF PARENT ADVISORY COUNCILS - MEMBER RESOLUTIONS

Dear Mr. Li,

At the 2015 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.

We have listed the following resolutions passed by our membership that may be of specific interest to your organisation and you may wish to comment on:

2015.18 – Advocating for Systemic and Cultural Change

BCCPAC advocates for systemic and cultural change in our schools to reflect the principles of sustaining passion for learning, building on strengths and addressing challenges.

2015.19 – Transitional Support for Systemic Change

BCCPAC advocates for sufficient targeted resources including support services for school staff whenever substantial systemic change is being implemented.

2015.21– Proper Funding for Quality Public Education in B.C.

BCCPAC insist on the Government's commitment to an immediate significant increase in grants to School Districts in B.C., which directly address the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services' five recommendations for K-12 Public Education in B.C. - Nov. 2014 (pgs.24-25) which read as follows:

22. Provide stable, predictable, and adequate funding to enable school districts to fulfill their responsibility to provide continued equitable access to quality public education, and to meet required repair and maintenance needs.
23. Provide adequate capital funding to school districts for facility improvements, seismic upgrades, and additional schools in rapidly growing communities.
24. Provide support for proposed new K-12 initiatives such as personalized learning and enhanced trades and technology training.
25. Provide resources to identify and address the growing number of students with special needs and those with minimal English language skills.

26. Restore the separate library line item in the Ministry of Education budget for public libraries, and commit to stable, ongoing funding.

2015.22 – Reflective Clothing Recommendations

BCCPAC advocate for guidelines that require reflective material on all outerwear that is supplied to students by districts for school sponsored programs.

2015.23 – Regulation of Special Education Assistants

BCCPAC advocates for the creation of an organization similar to the Teacher Regulation Branch to oversee and regulate the conduct of Special Education Assistants.

2015.24 – Standards for Special Education Assistants

BCCPAC advocates for provincially mandated standards and practices for Special Education Assistants and similar support staff that include training, conduct and discipline processes.

2015.25 – Reaffirmation of 1998.2 Retribution

BCCPAC promote the development of policy and procedure in collaboration with schools and school districts to ensure that students and parents will not experience retribution when bringing their concerns forward to school district staff.

We have included a compilation of all the approved resolutions from our 2015 Annual General Meeting for your interest.

If you have any comments or questions about how to respond, please direct them to info@bccpac.bc.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole Makohoniuk', is written over a light yellow rectangular background.

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