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Honourable Shirley Bond Minister of Education Deputy Premier PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Bond:

The BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) strongly supports BILL M 210 – the Anaphylactic Student Protection Act, 2007. We have heard from individual parents and members of Parent Advisory Councils regarding their fear for their children. In 2000, our members approved the following resolution:

2000.2 Anaphylaxis

That BCCPAC lobby the BC School Trustees' Association to recommend that policies are in place in all school districts in BC to protect children with anaphylaxis, such as those outlined in the Canadian School Board Association and Health Canada document: "Anaphylaxis: A Handbook for School Boards". Local school districts are responsible for the care and safety of ALL students. Schools need to be prepared to protect students with anaphylaxis.

This Act addresses the concerns of parents, with a practical system of preparedness and intervention, while protecting schools from liability. We believe this is legislation that could save a child's life and we ask for the support of the government in passing this bill during this sitting of the legislature.

In Partnership,

Kim Howland President

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