



Message to Parent Advisory Councils and District Parent Advisory Councils:

Community gaming grants to Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) will be based on \$10 per student this year. District PACs will be funded at \$1,250 to support parental involvement in schools.

This funding is part of the \$56.2 million from community gaming grants being directed to children in schools. It includes \$48.6 million for meal programs, child and youth workers, and other initiatives under the CommunityLINK program, which benefits vulnerable students in the public school system. \$7.6 million will go to approximately 1,700 PACs and DPACs to support extra-curricular activities for students.

PAC organizations that received bingo affiliation grants at \$20 per student earlier this year will not be eligible for a \$10 per student gaming grant in 2009/10.

Other priorities for 2009/10 grants will be:

- Programs that support low income and disabled British Columbians;
- Programs that provide food, shelter and support to at risk individuals;
- Programs that support community health services;
- Public safety programs;
- A limited number of arts and culture activities;
- Community education programs, such as daycares and preschools;
- Public community facilities like community halls and recreation facilities;
- Youth and disabled sports;
- Non-sport youth groups, such as scouts and cadets; and
- Written three-year commitments made to community organizations.

We wish you every success with your program this year.

Rich Coleman
Minister