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Gordon Swan, President
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Dear Mr. Swan and Board Members:

Please accept my appreciation for the BCSTA's positive engagement and significant contribution to the review of the public sector employer association's governance.

The BCSTA's perspective and advice were essential to developing a path that restored a direct role for board of education trustees on the British Columbia Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) board of directors.

Core to BCPSEA's statutory mandate, is the need to align the goals of boards of education as employers with government's public policy objectives for the education sector and the broader British Columbia public sector. I am confident the bylaw amendments approved by school trustees at BCPSEA's recent AGM will better support everyone involved as we work together on this central task.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your leadership on this important matter. I look forward to our continued engagement with the BCSTA on our shared commitment to support and strengthen British Columbia's great public education system.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming
Minister

pc: Honourable Carole James, Minister of Finance