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Monday, August 25, 2025

The Honourable Lisa Beare
Minister of Education and Child Care
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Sent via email to: ECC.Minister@gov.bc.ca

RE: Request to revise the Post-Secondary Institute Transition Rate criteria to include students enrolled in BC public school districts

Good day, Minister,

The British Columbia School Trustees Association is a champion of good governance practices among school boards, providing exceptional professional development and working with partners to ensure the success of every student across British Columbia. As the sole nonpartisan organization representing democratically and locally elected boards of education, BCSTA has been a steadfast champion for good governance in public education for 120 years.

We were grateful that you were able to join us at BCSTA AGM 2025 in April of this year. During the business portion of our event, members passed a motion requesting that the Ministry of Education and Child Care revise the Post-Secondary Institute Transition Rate criteria to include students enrolled in BC public school districts' "Train in Trades" programs and students transitioning to private training institutions or post-secondary institutions outside of British Columbia.

As you are aware, the Ministry of Education and Child Care has established the Post-Secondary Institute (PSI) Transition Rate as a measure of student success. Districts are required to report the PSI through the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning Report (FESL). However, the PSI Transition Rate is limited to BC public post-secondary institutions, excluding students transitioning to post-secondary institutions outside of British Columbia, private training institutions, and students in dual-credit programs.

To provide a real-world example of this issue, the Maple Ridge–Pitt Meadows School District released this information on page 25 as part of their 2025 FESL.

"As a school district, we have a very healthy Train in Trades program. In the 2022/23 school year, a total of 139 SD42 Grade 12 students were concurrently enrolled in first-year post-secondary trades programs. It has been confirmed with the Ministry of Education and Child Care that the Grade 12 Train in Trades students are not included in the district's PSI transition data. Based on the 2022/23 subgroup size of 1,198 for all Grade 12 students eligible for graduation, our trades students represent 11.6% of the graduation class missing from this annual PSI transition data."



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By implementing the requested change, post-secondary transition rates can more accurately reflect the diversity of our communities and students' educational journeys.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Loffler", is written over a light grey horizontal line.

Tracy Loffler

President

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CC: BCSTA Board of Directors
Trevor Davies, CEO