



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

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The Honourable Rob Fleming

Minister of Education

Ministry of Education - Province of British Columbia

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Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fleming,

Subject: Appreciation of Combined COVID-19 Response in Public Education

I write you on behalf of the British Columbia School Trustees Association to share our appreciation for the efforts put forward by the Ministry of Education in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Families, and communities as a whole, rely on schools to not only keep their children safe and nurtured, but to provide support for those in the workforce. I wish to thank you for the dedication and hard work you and your team have put forward in working with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer to find the best solutions possible to the seemingly impossible questions we face.

Your efforts in putting the health and safety of students and staff first, all while maintaining a focus on keeping our kids learning, is greatly appreciated by boards of education across B.C. Our association appreciates the high level of collaboration throughout this process and will continue to support the Ministry of Education as we seek solutions to the challenges ahead.

Once again, I wish to highlight our appreciation for what you have done already for B.C. as we continue on this long journey together. Much work remains, and many unknowns exist, but we will be there to help shoulder the load as we continue our work of safely addressing the needs of our students, employees and families.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson

President

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