



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

November 9, 2021

Dr. Susan O'Neill

Dean and Professor, Faculty of Education
Simon Fraser University
8888 University Drive
Burnaby, B.C. V5A 1S6
eddean@sfu.ca

Dear Dr. Susan O'Neill,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

At the October 23 meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association's Provincial Council, councillors representing all 60 boards of education in B.C. passed the following motion:

"That BCSTA write a letter to all B.C. education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training."

School districts throughout the province repeatedly report difficulties in recruiting new teachers. While BCSTA and its membership are appreciative of Simon Fraser University's dedication to supporting public education, these ongoing staffing shortages require immediate and collaborative attention to ensure that student learning outcomes are not negatively impacted. BCSTA recognizes that solving the teacher shortage is a complex issue that goes beyond simply opening the doors to more students. We are requesting that you collaborate with both the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and the Ministry of Education to find ways to increase the number of seats allocated to B.C. institutions that offer teaching programs.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of our members and the students they serve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson

President
British Columbia School Trustees Association

Motion: P120219.1

CC: BCSTA member boards of education
BC Teachers' Council
Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

November 9, 2021

Dr. Edward Howe

Chair, School of Education
Thompson Rivers University
805 TRU Way
Kamloops, B.C. V2C 0C8
ehowe@tru.ca

Dear Dr. Edward Howe

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

At the October 23 meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association's Provincial Council, councillors representing all 60 boards of education in B.C. passed the following motion:

"That BCSTA write a letter to all B.C. education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training."

School districts throughout the province repeatedly report difficulties in recruiting new teachers. While BCSTA and its membership are appreciative of Thompson Rivers University's dedication to supporting public education, these ongoing staffing shortages require immediate and collaborative attention to ensure that student learning outcomes are not negatively impacted. BCSTA recognizes that solving the teacher shortage is a complex issue that goes beyond simply opening the doors to more students. We are requesting that you collaborate with both the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and the Ministry of Education to find ways to increase the number of seats allocated to B.C. institutions that offer teaching programs.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of our members and the students they serve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson

President
British Columbia School Trustees Association

Motion: P120219.1

CC: BCSTA member boards of education
BC Teachers' Council
Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

November 9, 2021

Dr. Allyson Jule

Dean of Education

Trinity Western University
22500 University Drive
Langley, B.C. V2Y 1Y1
allyson.jule@twu.ca

Dear Dr. Allyson Jule,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

At the October 23 meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association's Provincial Council, councillors representing all 60 boards of education in B.C. passed the following motion:

"That BCSTA write a letter to all B.C. education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training."

School districts throughout the province repeatedly report difficulties in recruiting new teachers. While BCSTA and its membership are appreciative of Trinity Western University's dedication to supporting public education, these ongoing staffing shortages require immediate and collaborative attention to ensure that student learning outcomes are not negatively impacted. BCSTA recognizes that solving the teacher shortage is a complex issue that goes beyond simply opening the doors to more students. We are requesting that you collaborate with both the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and the Ministry of Education to find ways to increase the number of seats allocated to B.C. institutions that offer teaching programs.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of our members and the students they serve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson

President

British Columbia School Trustees Association

Motion: P120219.1

CC: BCSTA member boards of education
BC Teachers' Council
Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

November 9, 2021

Dr. Margaret Macintyre Latta

Director, Okanagan School of Education
The University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus
Syilx Okanagan Nation Territory
EME 3121 - 1137 Alumni Ave
Kelowna, B.C. V1V 1V7
margaret.macintyre.latta@ubc.ca

Dear Dr. Margaret Macintyre Latta,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

At the October 23 meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association's Provincial Council, councillors representing all 60 boards of education in B.C. passed the following motion:

"That BCSTA write a letter to all B.C. education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training."

School districts throughout the province repeatedly report difficulties in recruiting new teachers. While BCSTA and its membership are appreciative of the Okanagan School of Education's dedication to supporting public education, these ongoing staffing shortages require immediate and collaborative attention to ensure that student learning outcomes are not negatively impacted. BCSTA recognizes that solving the teacher shortage is a complex issue that goes beyond simply opening the doors to more students. We are requesting that you collaborate with both the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and the Ministry of Education to find ways to increase the number of seats allocated to B.C. institutions that offer teaching programs.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of our members and the students they serve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson

President
British Columbia School Trustees Association

Motion: P120219.1

CC: BCSTA member boards of education
BC Teachers' Council
Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training

www.bcsta.org
bcsta@bcsta.org

t 604 734 2721
f 604 732 4559

4th Floor - 1580 W. Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6J 5K9



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

November 9, 2021

Dr. Marianne McTavish

Associate Dean, Teacher Education
The University of British Columbia
Room 103 – 2125 Main Mall, Neville Scarfe Building
Vancouver, B.C. V6T 1Z4
marianne.mctavish@ubc.ca

Dear Dr. Marianne McTavish,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

At the October 23 meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association's Provincial Council, councillors representing all 60 boards of education in B.C. passed the following motion:

"That BCSTA write a letter to all B.C. education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training."

School districts throughout the province repeatedly report difficulties in recruiting new teachers. While BCSTA and its membership are appreciative of the University of British Columbia's dedication to supporting public education, these ongoing staffing shortages require immediate and collaborative attention to ensure that student learning outcomes are not negatively impacted. BCSTA recognizes that solving the teacher shortage is a complex issue that goes beyond simply opening the doors to more students. We are requesting that you collaborate with both the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and the Ministry of Education to find ways to increase the number of seats allocated to B.C. institutions that offer teaching programs.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of our members and the students they serve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson

President
British Columbia School Trustees Association

Motion: P120219.1

CC: BCSTA member boards of education
BC Teachers' Council
Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

November 9, 2021

Dr. Vandy Britton

Department Head, Teacher Education
University of the Fraser Valley
33844 King Road
Abbotsford B.C. V2S 7M8
vandy.britton@ufv.ca

Dear Dr. Vandy Britton,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

At the October 23 meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association's Provincial Council, councillors representing all 60 boards of education in B.C. passed the following motion:

"That BCSTA write a letter to all B.C. education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training."

School districts throughout the province repeatedly report difficulties in recruiting new teachers. While BCSTA and its membership are appreciative of the University of the Fraser Valley's dedication to supporting public education, these ongoing staffing shortages require immediate and collaborative attention to ensure that student learning outcomes are not negatively impacted. BCSTA recognizes that solving the teacher shortage is a complex issue that goes beyond simply opening the doors to more students. We are requesting that you collaborate with both the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and the Ministry of Education to find ways to increase the number of seats allocated to B.C. institutions that offer teaching programs.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of our members and the students they serve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson

President
British Columbia School Trustees Association

Motion: P120219.1

CC: BCSTA member boards of education
BC Teachers' Council
Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

November 9, 2021

Dr. Tina Fraser,
Acting Chair, School of Education,
University of Northern British Columbia
3333 University Way
Prince George, B.C. V2N 4Z9
tina.fraser@unbc.ca

Dear Dr. Tina Fraser,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

At the October 23 meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association's Provincial Council, councillors representing all 60 boards of education in B.C. passed the following motion:

"That BCSTA write a letter to all B.C. education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training."

School districts throughout the province repeatedly report difficulties in recruiting new teachers. While BCSTA and its membership are appreciative of the University of Northern British Columbia's dedication to supporting public education, these ongoing staffing shortages require immediate and collaborative attention to ensure that student learning outcomes are not negatively impacted. BCSTA recognizes that solving the teacher shortage is a complex issue that goes beyond simply opening the doors to more students. We are requesting that you collaborate with both the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and the Ministry of Education to find ways to increase the number of seats allocated to B.C. institutions that offer teaching programs.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of our members and the students they serve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson
President
British Columbia School Trustees Association

Motion: P120219.1

CC: BCSTA member boards of education
BC Teachers' Council
Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

November 9, 2021

Dr. Ralf St. Clair

Dean, Faculty of Education
University of Victoria
PO Box 1700 STN CSC
Victoria, B.C. V8W 2Y2
educdean@uvic.ca

Dear Dr. Ralf St. Clair,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

At the October 23 meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association's Provincial Council, councillors representing all 60 boards of education in B.C. passed the following motion:

"That BCSTA write a letter to all B.C. education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training."

School districts throughout the province repeatedly report difficulties in recruiting new teachers. While BCSTA and its membership are appreciative of the University of Victoria's dedication to supporting public education, these ongoing staffing shortages require immediate and collaborative attention to ensure that student learning outcomes are not negatively impacted. BCSTA recognizes that solving the teacher shortage is a complex issue that goes beyond simply opening the doors to more students. We are requesting that you collaborate with both the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and the Ministry of Education to find ways to increase the number of seats allocated to B.C. institutions that offer teaching programs.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of our members and the students they serve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson

President
British Columbia School Trustees Association

Motion: P120219.1

CC: BCSTA member boards of education
BC Teachers' Council
Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training



British Columbia
School Trustees
Association

November 9, 2021

Dr. David Paterson

Dean, Faculty of Education
Vancouver Island University
900 Fifth Street
Nanaimo, B.C. V9R 5S5
david.paterson@viu.ca

Dear Dr. David Paterson,

Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage

At the October 23 meeting of the British Columbia School Trustees Association's Provincial Council, councillors representing all 60 boards of education in B.C. passed the following motion:

"That BCSTA write a letter to all B.C. education degree granting institutes to request that the intake of education students be increased, and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training."

School districts throughout the province repeatedly report difficulties in recruiting new teachers. While BCSTA and its membership are appreciative of Vancouver Island University's dedication to supporting public education, these ongoing staffing shortages require immediate and collaborative attention to ensure that student learning outcomes are not negatively impacted. BCSTA recognizes that solving the teacher shortage is a complex issue that goes beyond simply opening the doors to more students. We are requesting that you collaborate with both the Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and the Ministry of Education to find ways to increase the number of seats allocated to B.C. institutions that offer teaching programs.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of our members and the students they serve.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Higginson

President
British Columbia School Trustees Association

Motion: P120219.1

CC: BCSTA member boards of education
BC Teachers' Council
Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Education
Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training