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Dear Premier Eby, Minister Singh, Minister of State Coulter, Minister Fleming, Minister Dean  
Minister Heyman, Minister Malcolmson, Chair Thornthwaite and Chair West,

**Subject: Supporting the Single Mothers' Alliance for Transit for Teens Campaign in  
Achieving Free Public Transit for Youth Ages 13 to 18 in BC**

At the British Columbia School Trustees Association's 2023 annual general meeting, our  
members, representing all 60 boards of education in B.C., passed the following resolution:

*"That BCSTA endorse the Single Mothers' Alliance for Transit for Teens Campaign and  
in doing so, write a letter to the:*

- *Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation, the Board of Directors of BC Transit,*
- *the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure,*
- *the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy,*
- *the Office of the Premier,*
- *the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction,*
- *the Ministry of Education and Child Care,*
- *the Minister of State for Infrastructure and Transit,*
- *the Ministry of Children and Family Development,*
- *and the Select Standing Committee on Children and Youth*



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*requesting that a fully funded plan be implemented by the provincial government to provide free public transit for teens aged 13 to 18 in BC."*

I am writing on behalf of member boards to support the Single Mothers' Alliance Transit for Teens campaign. The campaign aims to have the province provide free public transit services for those aged 13-18 in B.C.

As the Single Mothers' Alliance's [Transit for Teens research brief](#) reported, "Transportation is inextricably linked to people's social and economic well-being and their ability to access the systems that support them."

Their report, based on the city of Vancouver's Reduced Fare Transit Pilot, indicated that removing barriers for young people improved access to activities, enhanced uptake of support systems, increased overall inclusion and allowed for more freedom to thrive. Our members have indicated that they support this initiative, and we are writing you to indicate our endorsement of the campaign and ask that the province begin financially supporting a plan to provide free public transit to those aged 13-18 in B.C.

Thank you for considering this request on behalf of BCSTA's membership and the students we serve.

Sincerely,

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Motion: A20239

Enclosure: Original motion rationale

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