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Dear Dr. Vanessa Andreotti, Dr. Tina Fraser, Dr. Jane Hare, Dr. Edward Howe,  
Dr. Margaret Macintyre Latte, Dr. Sheryl MacMath, Dr. Kris Magnusson, Dr. David Paterson  
and Dr. Lara Ragpot,

**Subject: Provincial Teacher Shortage**

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 write a letter to all BC education degree granting institutions requesting they expand their intake of education students and that copies of these letters be sent to the BC Teachers' Council, the Ministry of Education and Child Care and the Ministry of Advance Education and Skills Training."*

In November of 2021, BCSTA's prior president, Stephanie Higginson, reached out to you, and in some cases your predecessors, regarding the provincial teacher shortage. I am enclosing those original letters for context and to avoid repetition.

The motive of this letter is to emphasize that this situation still requires our collective attention, as our members have once again called on us to request that intake be expanded. This need has recently been highlighted by the number of districts being forced to hire uncertified teachers to bridge the gaps present in the classroom.



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BCSTA appreciates that the current teacher shortage is complicated and requires a collective effort of both advocacy and action. Still, we echo our previous request that you collectively work with the Ministry of Education and Child Care and the Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills to expand the province's teaching programs. We are committed to being a resource in this work and urge all parties to prioritize actions in response to this predicament.

Thank you for hearing this request from B.C.'s boards of education and the students we serve.

Sincerely,

**Carolyn Broady**

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Motion: A202319

Enclosures: Original motion rationale  
November 2021 letters on the provincial teacher shortage

CC: BC Teachers' Council  
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