



British Columbia  
School Trustees  
Association

July 12, 2023

**Chris Brown**

*Assistant Deputy Minister*  
Ministry of Education and Child Care  
PO Box 9151 Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria B.C. V8W9H1  
chris.brown@gov.bc.ca

Dear Assistant Deputy Minister Brown,

**Subject: Review and Streamlining of Provincial Reporting Requirements**

Thank you for meeting with CEO Suzanne Hoffman and me on May 31 to discuss a variety of resolutions resulting from the British Columbia School Trustees Association's 2023 annual general meeting. As you know, our members, representing all 60 boards of education in B.C., passed the following resolution:

*"That BCSTA request the Ministry of Education and Child Care initiate a review aimed at streamlining the Ministry's reporting requirements of Boards of Education and implement the recommended reporting changes without delay. The review should be conducted in collaboration with education partners and rightsholders."*

I appreciate the insights you provided during our meeting on government processes related to data tracking, along with the ministry's efforts to minimize required reporting when possible. Equally, I understand the need for accountability as it relates to funding and how the data collected aids in further understanding issues that affect learning outcomes. The data, we acknowledge, opens the door for additional funding or new initiatives for districts to utilize.

The amount of reporting required for districts continues to be an ongoing, time-consuming concern. We were pleased to hear that the ministry continues to prioritize the streamlining of reporting requirements and that you are working diligently with our association and K-12 partners across the province to improve the data's worth and the collection process. I value your interest in hearing from B.C.'s school districts about where the process can continue to be improved.



British Columbia  
School Trustees  
Association

I look forward to continuing this discussion as we strive for continuous improvement in our shared processes while respecting requirements integral to preserving the integrity and value of the overall data collection process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Broady". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Carolyn Broady**

*President*

British Columbia School Trustees Association

Motion: A20238

Enclosure: Original motion rationale

CC: Christina Zacharuk, Deputy Minister of Education and Child Care  
BCSTA member boards of education  
Suzanne Hoffman, CEO, BCSTA  
BCSTA Board of Directors