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Dear Assistant Deputy Minister Nicholls,

Subject: Inclusion of English Language Learners in the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning

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 urge the Ministry of Education and Child Care to amend section 4 of the Enhancing Student Learning Reporting Order to include English Language Learning (ELL) students as an identified priority student population; include this student population in school districts' annual Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL) reporting and reviews, and further require analysis of both aggregated and disaggregated data to ensure ELL students are receiving supports and resources needed across BC school districts."

We appreciate you taking time on May 31 to discuss this resolution during our recent visit to Victoria. At the meeting, you indicated the ministry's commitment to working alongside public education partners to support student success, particularly as priority populations emerge. Our board of directors looks forward to working with and supporting you on this work.

I also appreciate your willingness to share early data on English Language Learning (ELL) students with our board of directors so we can review the current findings and potential implications. BCSTA understands that your ministry will be sharing additional data with partners, including superintendents, in the future, and we look forward to participating in those discussions. As part of this process, we respectfully request a timeline of 12-18 months to allow partner organizations time for input.

As updating the order is tied closely to the *Anti-Racism Data Act*, we recognize that proper procedures and timelines spanning two to three years must be followed to ensure a successful implementation that integrates valuable race-based data, performance measures and racialized statistics. Our association looks forward to supporting this initiative, especially regarding trustees and the Framework for Enhancing Student Learning.



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In the interim, we welcome you to contact our board of directors at any time should the ministry desire assistance with this work.

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: A202310

Enclosure: Original motion rationale

CC: Christina Zacharuk, Deputy Minister of Education and Child Care
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