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Chris Brown

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Dear Assistant Deputy Minister Brown,

Subject: Capital Cost Sharing

As you were made aware during our May 31 meeting, during 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 request the Ministry of Education and Child Care and the Ministry of Finance eliminate the current practice outlined in the Capital Plan Instructions for school districts to contribute to major capital projects."

Our meeting in May was insightful, and we appreciate that the Ministry of Education and Child Care actively advocates, as issues arise, on behalf of school districts when engaging with the treasury board. As part of these ongoing efforts, we ask that you continue to factor in ongoing financial pressures when determining capital cost sharing.

At your request, I have copied Assistant Deputy Minister Tiffany Ma from the Ministry of Finance on this letter so that together we may seek to update practices and support the work of boards by not drawing from their operational funding.



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I am also copying the chair of BCSTA's Capital Working Group, Trustee Mike Murray. The Capital Working Group will again take a significant role within our association by exploring capital-related concerns raised by our membership.

We look forward to working with you on these matters.

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: A202333

Enclosure: Original motion rationale

CC: Christina Zacharuk, Deputy Minister of Education and Child Care
Tiffany Ma, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance
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