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July 20, 2023

**The Honourable Rachna Singh**  
*Minister of Education and Child Care*  
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Dear Minister Singh,

**Subject: Accessible Washrooms**

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 advocate to the Ministry of Education and Child Care to provide targeted funding to all schools for facilities upgrades to any current school washrooms that are not accessible."*

As you are well aware, fully accessible schools are crucial. All students deserve unmitigated access to all areas of educational facilities regardless of their ability or personal circumstances.

While new builds factor in these modern considerations, many existing structures do not. Numerous schools do not accommodate students and staff with differing abilities, such as those who utilize wheelchairs. In some cases, washrooms are also limited to a single space in a building, forcing those with mobility constraints to be unduly inconvenienced.

These needs must be addressed, but a proper response is beyond current school district capabilities. Targeted funds to upgrade existing washrooms to make them accessible for all students and staff are required to meet this objective. Districts are unable to leverage their education budgets to meet this project's scope.



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We respectfully request that you and your staff review the attached rationale for additional details and fully consider this request from our membership. BCSTA is willing to provide any additional information required to move this discussion forward.

Sincerely,

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

**Carolyn Broady**

*President*

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Motion: A202335

Enclosure: Original motion rationale

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