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The Honourable Mitzi Dean

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Dear Minister Dean and Minister Singh,

Subject: Family Connection Centres

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 review the Family Connection Centre (FCC) model being piloted in BC to support member boards in better understanding the intended interaction between their district and the FCC in supporting students.

And

That BCSTA request that the Ministry of Child and Family Development and the Ministry of Education and Child Care include public education partners, including school boards and rightsholders, in consultation and planning where the Family Connection Centre rollout and implementation will impact public education."

Boards of education across the province have significant interest in the family connection centres, which are currently in the pilot phase. As part of our association's dedication to supporting member boards of education in understanding how these changes in support systems will impact schools and students, we are also asking that your ministries consult with boards of education, rights-holders and other K-12 public education partners regarding family connection centres.

The use and expansion of these centres, whilst supporting families, do have the potential to impact services and programs provided at schools. As this work progresses, clear communication between the centres and school staff is required to ensure that the supports and services students receive and expect remain intact.



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In their unique role as voices of their local communities, boards of education are equipped to provide feedback on local expectations and opportunities related to family connection centres.

I look forward to working with you both in supporting boards of education and leveraging their strengths as we continue to serve students and families throughout B.C. to the best of our abilities.

Sincerely,

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

Carolyn Broady
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Motion: A20234

Enclosure: Original motion rationale

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