

August 4, 2017

Honourable Rob Fleming Minister of Education PO Box 9045 Stn Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fleming,

On behalf of the Richmond Board of Education I would like to thank you for taking the time to reach out to Board Chairs across the Province including myself. Your attention to issues unique to individual districts and your willingness to work with Trustees is a refreshing approach.

It is clear from our discussion that you are familiar with the challenges our district faces with regard to seismic upgrades and repairs for our schools along with funding shortfalls for the CEF, operating budget and Exempt staff salary increases.

We appreciate your suggestion of providing us with additional portables to alleviate childcare space shortages on specific sites due to the decrease of class sizes for this coming September.

Our Board would like to extend an invitation for you to visit our district and meet with Trustees and senior staff at your earliest convenience. We look forward to working with you and your staff to enhance the learning environment for the students of Richmond.

Kind regards,

Debbie Tablotney

**Board of Education, Chairperson School District No. 38 (Richmond)**