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Debbie Tablotney, Chair
Board of Education
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Dear Ms. Tablotney:

Thank you for your letter dated August 4, 2017, and our recent meeting in September. I appreciate the productive and meaningful conversations we had regarding the seismic projects and capital needs in your District. Additionally, I appreciate the time spent to tour Blundell Elementary School, and I was very interested to see the remarkable setting created for students with diverse needs.

I understand your District is unique and with that comes unique challenges regarding seismic upgrades and building repairs. I also understand capital staff have been working with Richmond School District staff to gain a greater understanding to better assist with your capital projects.

Government is committed to fully fund the implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement with the British Columbia Teachers' Federation through the Classroom Enhancement Fund. In addition, our government is committed to reviewing the funding formula and moving BC's school system to a more stable, and sustainable model that will ensure equitable access for students. The issues you raise will naturally form part of that review.

Again, thank you for our meeting, and for the hard work you do for students in the Richmond School District.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming
Minister