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Parent Advisory Network

Email: parentadvocacynetwork@gmail.com

To Parent Advisory Network:

Thank you for your email of July 26, 2017, regarding the Vancouver School District.

Your concerns regarding the implementation of the Memorandum of Agreement reached between government and the British Columbia Teachers Federation are understandable. Please know that I am committed to working with education partners in all school districts as we move forward.

As you are likely aware, on August 3, 2017, it was announced that a Vancouver School District trustee by-election has been ordered to coincide with the City of Vancouver by-election in October 2017. The full news release is available online at https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017EDUC0094-001386.

I am pleased Dianne Turner has agreed to stay on as an advisor to support District staff and the newly elected Board. I am optimistic the election will be an opportunity for renewal in the District that will benefit students, parents, teachers and staff.

If you have any further questions or concerns please contact Dave Duerksen, Executive Director, Legislation, Policy and Governance Branch, by phone at (250) 387-8037 or by email at EDUC.Governance.Legislation@gov.bc.ca.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming

Minister