

July 4, 2012

Honourable Minister, George Abbott  
Ministry of Education  
PO Box 9045  
Stn Provincial Government  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Honourable Minister Abbott:

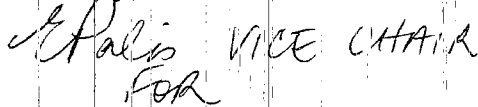
**Re: School District Funding**

Recently our Board received a copy of the letter forwarded to your office by the Ministry of Education urging the Ministry to work constructively with the Cowichan Valley Board of Education on matters related to their budget. We understand the letter was forwarded in support of the Cowichan Valley Board's request that the Ministry consult with the community to craft a budget that will meet the learning needs of their school district.

The intent of this letter is to convey our Board's support for the notion that additional consultation with communities and school districts across the province to craft budgets that meet the learning needs of students would be valuable.

We are hopeful the Ministry will consider this type of dialogue within its work plan over the coming year.

Sincerely,



FOR

Mike Murray, Chairperson  
Board of Education

MM/to

- cc:
- Board of Education
  - Jan Unwin, Superintendent of Schools
  - Wayne Jefferson, Secretary Treasurer
  - George Serra, President, Maple Ridge Teachers' Association
  - Leslie Franklin, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 703
  - Bruce Grady, President, Maple Ridge Principals and Vice-Principals' Association
  - Grant French, President, Maple Ridge Principals and Vice-Principals' Association
  - Kellie Marquet, Chairperson, District Parent Advisory Council
  - B.C. School Trustees' Association for Dissemination