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AGENDA

A. OPENING PROCEDURES

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items on the Agenda. Speaker's time is limited to 2 minutes per person. This agenda item has a time limit of 10 minutes.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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C. PRESENTATIONS

Individuals and groups invited by the Board to make presentations. Time limits for individual presentations will be established to allow all speakers to present within the time limit for this item. This agenda item has a time limit of 20 minutes including questions; extension is at the discretion of the Board.

D. DELEGATIONS -

Registered delegations can make presentations to the Board. Time limits for individual delegations will be established to allow all registered delegations to present within the time limit for this item. This agenda item has a time limit of 20 minutes including questions; extension is at the discretion of the Board.

E. DEFERRED ITEMS

F. DECISION ITEMS

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H. TRUSTEE MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTIONS

I. TRUSTEE REPORTS

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J. QUESTION PERIOD Questions, with the exception of Trustee questions, will be limited to one question per person with one follow-up clarification question, if necessary. Question period will be restricted to questions only – statements and debate will not be permitted. This agenda item has a time limit of 10 minutes; extension is at the discretion of the Board.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

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L. ADJOURNMENT

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Information/Decision

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# School District No.71 (Comox Valley)


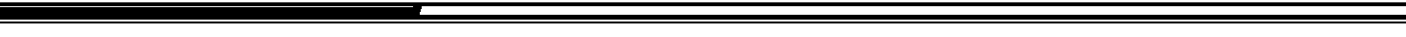









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**Board of Education**

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May 20, 2015

Honourable Minister Peter Fassbender



PO Box 9045 STN Prov Govt  
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Dear Honourable Minister:

**Re: Bill 11: The Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2015**

The Board of Education, School District No. 71 (Comox Valley) has considered Bill 11, which overrides the authority of democratically elected Boards of Education through provisions that broaden the Minister's authority to issue administrative directives, to appoint a special advisor, and to mandate shared services participation.

My board has directed through resolution that I write to express our support for the three

motions adopted at the BCETA Annual General Meeting, as presented in President Deane's *EP*

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May 21, 2015

The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
P.O. Box 9045, Stn. Prov. Govt.  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fassbender:

**RE: Bill 11: Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2015**

The Board of Education of Coast Mountains School District 82 at its Regular (Public) Board Meeting held on May 13, 2015, unanimously passed the following motion:

That the Board ask the Provincial Government to Rescind Bill 11  
and have consultations R Q W K H L V V X H V F R Y H U H G L Q % L O O

Coast Mountains Board of Education wishes to express its concerns with regard to the proposed Bill 11: Education Statutes Amendment Act, 2015 and the potential impact on its students and students across the province.

In support of the motions passed at the 2015 BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) Annual General Meeting with regard to Bill 11 and the subsequent letter of April 20, 2015 from BCSTA President Teresa Rezansoff, the Coast Mountains Board of Education echoes the BCSTA in demanding an immediate review of the intent of Bill 11 legislation.

We are alarmed that this bill erodes the autonomy and authority of locally and democratically elected Boards of Education, giving the Minister of Education an unprecedented influence over them. The Coast Mountains Board of Education is committed to continue exercising its fiduciary responsibilities to the highest standards possible to ensure an excellent public education for its students.

We believe local Boards of Education can provide valuable input into how the Ministry of Education can best achieve its goals in terms of shared services, professional development, accountability, student data collection, and achievement.

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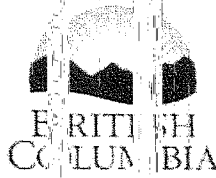
The Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education  
Victoria, B.C.

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Further, we were surprised and dismayed when Bill 11 was announced, without any



May 6, 2015

Ref: 180264

Mike Murray, Chair  
Board of Education  
School District No. 42 (Maple Ridge-Pitt Meadows)  
Email: mike\_murray@sd42.ca

Dear Mr. Murray:

Thank you for your letter of February 23, 2015, regarding the recent changes to adult education. Your letter raises several concerns that I am pleased to address:

**1. Equity between British Columbia (BC) graduates and graduates from other jurisdictions**

The policy changes arose from a need to focus resources on learners working towards their high school diploma. However, the Ministry also heard from adult education programs that graduates from elsewhere had more profound challenges to overcome than graduates from BC with respect to both language proficiency and academic standards. The tuition-free Foundation courses help bring their skills up to the same education level as BC graduates, and will then need to pay tuition fees for further upgrading. We recognized the need to continue to support the most vulnerable students by continuing the funding of Literacy Foundations courses for all BC residents, regardless of graduation status. We also still fully fund BC resident adult students who have not yet graduated.

**2. Impact on jobs training agenda**

By focusing our resources on students working towards high school graduation includes supporting more effective skills training and job preparation activities leading to graduation. The post-secondary system has a primary education and training responsibility for adults, and is also adjusting its programs to support the government's emphasis on jobs training, including increased financial support for Adult Basic Education Student Assistance Program (ABESAP).

**3. Vulnerable student access to ABESAP**

The Ministry of Advanced Education is committed to funding all students that need assistance under this existing program and has factored increased demand into its planning.

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4. Reconciling the funding amounts in the announcement

The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Advanced Education have attempted to coordinate their efforts to support all learners working toward graduation, while giving extra support to low income learners. This is why the Ministry of Advanced Education has provided an increase of \$7.6 million in grant money for ABESAP, and the Ministry of Education has refocused \$9 million of its budget to support learners working toward graduation.


5. Lack of consultation with Boards of Education

I appreciate your concern about the lack of consultation over the recent changes to adult education. The Ministry of Education is committed to the Co-Governance Relationship Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) whenever possible. I have spoken to the BC Trustee Leadership regarding this specific issue and look forward to a positive working relationship moving forward. Ordinarily this would have undergone a consultative process under the Co-Governance Relationship MOU. However, as I indicated to the BC Trustee Leadership, this was one of the circumstances that limited the timeliness of consultation and notification. In light of this, I look forward to a positive working relationship going forward.

Ministry of Education staff will be monitoring the impact of these changes on the K-12 system and their effect on adult learners in our province. The Ministry of Education would welcome any future insights that you would care to share. If you have any further questions please contact Tim Wanklemans, Director, Learning Division at [Tim.Wanklemans@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Tim.Wanklemans@gov.bc.ca) or 250-217-5643.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Peter Fassbender  
Minister

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PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
Wednesday, May 27, 2015 (6:00 PM)  
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IN ATTENDANCE:

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Recommendation Academies Fee Schedule 2015/16  
June 10, 2015 Public Board Meeting

Academy	Location	Annual Fee	Other
Hair Design	SRT	\$1,785	
Equestrian	THSS	\$300	\$150 (DL students)
Hockey	PMSS	\$1,820	
Digital Arts	MRSS	\$100 diploma	Free no diploma
IB	GSS	\$800 2 year diploma	\$200/course
Interdisciplinary Arts	GSS	\$65	
Soccer	WSS	\$600	

ITEM 4

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5 H SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

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Information

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Board receive the Superintendent's Verbal Update, for information.



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