

## Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX

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**From:** Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** December-12-13 12:19 PM  
**To:** Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane LASS:EX; MacGrotty, Alysia LASS:EX  
**Cc:** Ives, Andrew JAG:EX; Reddy, Brandon CFD:EX; Mohoruk, Sherri EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** s.22

Hi Alysia,

Sherri Mohoruk, our Superintendent Safe Schools is hoping to contact s.22 regarding this issue. Could you pass along Sherri's contact information to s.22 so that they can connect?

Sherri can be reached at (604) 660-2442, or by email at [sherri.mohoruk@gov.bc.ca](mailto:sherri.mohoruk@gov.bc.ca)

Thank you,

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**From:** Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane [<mailto:Jane.Thornthwaite.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** December-12-13 9:50 AM  
**To:** Reddy, Brandon CFD:EX  
**Cc:** Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX; Ives, Andrew JAG:EX  
**Subject:** RE: s.22

Hi Brandon,

Thank you for your email. Please find attached consent form that we got s.22 to sign in October.

As discussed, we will wait until s.22 next week and take the appropriate steps then.

Again, thanks for all of your help, (you too Kit and Andrew!).

Alysia

**From:** Reddy, Brandon CFD:EX [<mailto:Brandon.Reddy@gov.bc.ca>]  
**Sent:** December 9, 2013 12:20 PM  
**To:** Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane  
**Cc:** Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX; Richmond, Valerie D MCF:EX; Bates, Christina MCF:EX  
**Subject:** RE: s.22

Hey Alysia,

I am looping Ministry of Education into this as well as part of <sup>s.22</sup>

There are a couple courses of action we can take here, we can provide you with some MLA bullets regarding this case or we can also reply directly to <sup>s.22</sup>

If you would like bullets, I would need a consent form for this.

Let me know which you would prefer.

Thanks,

**Brandon Reddy**

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**From:** Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane [<mailto:Jane.Thornthwaite.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]

**Sent:** December-09-13 11:56 AM

**To:** Reddy, Brandon CFD:EX

**Subject:** FW: <sup>s.22</sup>

Hi Brandon,

We just received this email from our constituent that we have dealt with before.

<sup>s.22</sup>

Can you please let me know what the appropriate course of action would be? I will share this with Jane and ask her as well. I just wanted the Ministry to be aware of this email.

Thank you!

Alysia

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**From:** <sup>s.22</sup>

**Sent:** December 9, 2013 11:17 AM

**To:** Thornthwaite.MLA. Jane

**Subject:** <sup>s.22</sup>

Hello Jane and Alysia,

<sup>s.22</sup>

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**Fassbender, Peter EDUC:EX**

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**From:** Bennett, Bill MEM:EX  
**Sent:** December-20-13 1:01 PM  
**To:** Fassbender, Peter EDUC:EX  
**Cc:** Nash, Frankie W MEM:EX; Stickney, Matthew EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** Literacy Funding

Peter, I am following up on my earlier email and our offline conversation two weeks ago about literacy funding. I am wanting to get a sense of whether the \$2.5 million paid to Decoda last year will be in the 2014 budget. Decoda does a good job here in the Kootenay region and manages to leverage provincial government funding quite extensively. I understand they also do good work all over BC for a small amount of money. With things so tight, they are worried about their funding and I told the local folks I would try to find out how it is looking.

Hope you are getting to take some time soon! It has been a real pleasure to work with you and I look forward to a productive future together.

Best Personal Regards,

Bill

Sent from my iPad

## Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX

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**From:** Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** December-04-13 11:02 AM  
**To:** McRae, Don SDSI:EX  
**Subject:** RE:

Minister,

I've forwarded this to the Ministry for further information, but here is what I've received from GCPE in our most recent update:

- In keeping with the key principles outlined in BC's Education Plan, Bill 36 amended the School Act to remove barriers to personalized learning and provide greater flexibility and choice in terms of where, when and how students learn.
- The Standard School Calendar set by cabinet was eliminated, and each board now sets the calendar for schools in its district.
- Where the former regulations spelled out for boards the minimum number of days of instruction in a year, the amendments set out a minimum number of instructional hours that must be provided annually. And an explicit direction that exam days could be counted as instructional days has been removed and that determination is now left up to the discretion of a board.
- We have, in fact, given boards more flexibility. As a result the Vancouver board is choosing to make a change in how the district will deliver hours of instruction that in their view better meets the needs of students.
- The amendments encourage innovation and support district efforts to provide more flexible and effective educational programs, but in no way reduce the entitlement students have to a minimum number of hours of instruction.
- Whether other districts follow Vancouver's lead will be up to their respective boards.

If you require anything further, please let me know.

Thank you,

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-----Original Message-----

From: McRae, Don SDSI:EX  
Sent: December-03-13 8:11 PM

To: Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX  
Subject:

Kit, can you let me know the details of the ministry sending out instructions to school districts to cancel exam week at high schools across BC.

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Don

Sent from my iPhone

## Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX

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**From:** McRae, Don SDSI:EX  
**Sent:** December-04-13 11:05 AM  
**To:** Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** Re: RE:

Thanks kit, I like giving to boards more flexibility but I was called by a teacher who, at a school staff meeting, was told by admin that the decision to cancel exam week was coming from the ministry not the board office. Let me know when you confirm what, if anything, was sent out by MEd. don

Sent from my iPhone

On 2013-12-04, at 11:02 AM, "Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX" <[Kit.Sauder@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Kit.Sauder@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

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**From:** Sauder, Kit EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** December-16-13 3:28 PM  
**To:** McRae, Don SDSI:EX  
**Subject:** Exam Week

Minister,

The information I received from staff was that: the Standard School Calendar set by cabinet was eliminated, and each board now sets the calendar for schools in its district. Where the former regulations spelled out for boards the minimum number of days of instruction in a year, the amendments set out a minimum number of instructional hours that must be provided annually. An explicit direction that exam days could be counted as instructional days has been removed and that determination is now left up to the discretion of a board.

If you would like further clarification you can reach my on my office line or my cell.

Thank you,

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