

White, Emily MCF:EX

From: Minister, MCF MCF:EX
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 5:47 PM
To: White, Emily EDUC:EX
Subject: FW: Letter to Hon. Katrine Conroy
Attachments: Hon. K. Conroy.pdf

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From: Conroy.MLA, Katrine [<mailto:Katrine.Conroy.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Minister, MCF MCF:EX
Cc: Gunn, Paula PREM:EX
Subject: FW: Letter to Hon. Katrine Conroy

Sorry, this meeting request was overlooked until today.

From: President [<mailto:President@bcgeu.ca>]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Conroy.MLA, Katrine <Katrine.Conroy.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: Gardiner, Brian <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>
Subject: Letter to Hon. Katrine Conroy

Please find attached a letter from Stephanie Smith, B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union President.

Debbie Campbell
Administrative Assistant to the President
B.C. Government and Service Employees' Union
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July 27, 2017

VIA EMAIL: katrine.conroy.MLA@leg.bc.ca

The Honourable Katrine Conroy, MLA
Minister of Children and Family Development
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister, *Katrine,*

Re Your recent appointment and request for meeting

On behalf of the 73,000 members of the BCGEU, I would like to congratulate you on both your re-election as MLA for Kootenay West and your appointment as Minister of Children and Family Development.

Our members – those working directly for your ministry, those working for other employers but with your ministry's clients, and those who see the effects of your ministry's work in their communities – know that caring for children and families is one of the most important services provided by our provincial government. Ensuring a safe and secure childhood and adolescence for British Columbia's children is truly vital work that must be part of making a "Better B.C."

BCGEU members and staff have spent significant time considering how to improve services to vulnerable children and families, and I would like to share their expertise with you. Because the work of your ministry is so important to the members of the BCGEU, I am writing today to request a meeting with you. I would like to discuss the key areas where BCGEU members hope to work with you to improve services to British Columbia's children and families. These areas include:

- The ministry's significant workload pressures, for both administrative and professional staff, need to be addressed. A good first step would be creating a comprehensive, transparent, and accountable staffing strategy that will ensure adequate staff in all parts of the province, especially in rural, remote and hard-to-recruit areas;
- There is an urgent need for additional targeted funding to areas that have been under-resourced for too long – including children and youth with special needs, mental health services and adoption services;
- Staff turnover in the ministry is disturbingly high. This has a negative effect on the services provided to clients. Relieving workload pressures will help, but further work will need to be done to improve recruitment and retention, especially of social program officers – including



social workers, child and youth mental health clinicians, and team leaders. This should include implementing the outstanding recommendations from the Plecas Review;

- Like many British Columbians, we think it is time to see support provided for former youth in care after they reach the age of majority, up to the age of 25. In coordination with the Ministry of Advanced Education, Skills and Training this support could include enhanced post-secondary training and education options for these young people;
- All children deserve the same standard of care. One way to ensure this happens would be to ensure that Delegated Aboriginal Agencies are funded and supported so that they can offer services and care on the same level provided to non-Aboriginal children;
- To ensure that every child gets the attention they deserve, the Ministry should consider adopting caseload standards for workers based on agreed-to best practices; and
- We hope that you will work to keep ministry staff safe by addressing occupational health and safety issues, including violence in the workplace as well as staff working alone.

I am confident that you are already working hard on many issues, including these, and I look forward to discussing how the BCGEU can assist you in improving services for all. To this end, I hope that you will contact my assistant, Brian Gardiner, at brian.gardiner@bcgeu.ca or 604-291-9611 to arrange a meeting in the near future.

Once again, congratulations on your new position. I look forward to meeting with you and working with you over the next four years.

Sincerely *and with such excitement to get to work with you!*

Stephanie Smith
President

cc Judy Fox-McGuire, Vice-President, BCGEU Social, Information and Health (Component 6)

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Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 9:48 AM
To: 'President@bcgeu.ca'
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From: Gardiner, Brian <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 7:47 AM
To: White, Emily MCF:EX
Cc: Gardiner, Brian
Subject: RE: Meeting w/ Minister Conroy and Minister Chen -- Tuesday, August 22 -- 11:00 am -- attendees

Hi Emily:

Attendees below.

Brian

Stephanie Smith, BCGEU President
Doug Kinna, BCGEU Executive Vice-President
Andrea Duncan, BCGEU Component 3 Vice-President
Judy Fox-McGuire, BCGEU Component 6 Vice-President
Maria Middlemiss, BCGEU Component 12 Vice-President (likely attending)
Mike Eso, BCGEU Staff Representative

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From: Gardiner, Brian
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 3:33 PM
To: White, Emily EDUC:EX <Emily.White@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Gardiner, Brian <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting w/ Minister Conroy and Minister Chen -- Tuesday, August 22 -- 11:00 am

Thanks Emily.
Will do.

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From: White, Emily EDUC:EX [mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 10:50 AM
To: Gardiner, Brian <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting w/ Minister Conroy and Minister Chen -- Tuesday, August 22 -- 11:00 am

Hi Brian --

The meeting will be located at the legislature in the Cedar Room (Rm 241). Paula Gunn (the Ministers' Ministerial Assistant) will meet you at security to take you to the room.

If you could please send the names of the guests accompanying Stephanie.

Thank you :)

Emily

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From: Gardiner, Brian [mailto:Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:17 PM

To: White, Emily EDUC:EX
Cc: Gardiner, Brian
Subject: FW: Meeting w/ Minister Conroy and Minister Chen -- Tuesday, August 22 -- 11:00 am

Emily:

This works for us.
Do you have a meeting location.
Because of the combined meeting there will be five people with Stephanie.
I will send their names.

Brian

My thinking as well!
Let's work around that.
I'll check in later today re. making this work.
Many thanks.

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

From: White, Emily EDUC:EX [mailto:Emily.White@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Gardiner, Brian <Brian.Gardiner@bcgeu.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting w/ Minister Conroy and Minister Chen -- Possible times for meetings on Tuesday, August 22

We could do the first half hour with both Ministers, and the second half hour with just Minister Conroy?

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Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 8:41 AM
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I think so, as long as it is understood there may be a few more items to discuss with Minister Conroy?

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Attachments: closing_the_circle_report_final.pdf; bcgeu-choose-children-report-digital_0.pdf

From: .Email the Legislative Library [<mailto:LLBC.Ref@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 5:06 PM
To: Gunn, Paula MCF:EX
Subject: BCGEU Reports

Hi Paula,

Attached please find the BCGEU reports you were after. I don't know what went wrong that we didn't receive your original email, but we'll certainly get our systems team to look into it to make sure it's not a problem going forward. Enjoy the weekend!

Best,
Andrea

Andrea Lee

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