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August 18, 2015

Honourable Mike Bernier
Minister of Education
P.O. Box 9161 STN Prov Govt
VICTORIA, BC V8W 9H3

emailed Dec 14 for new options

Dear Minister Bernier:

The Board of Directors of FISA BC would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Minister of Education for the Province of British Columbia. FISA BC represents 288 independent schools with an enrolment of 79,348 students in K – 12. This accounts for 93% of the total independent school enrolment of approximately 81,000 students, or 13.1% of the elementary and secondary FTE enrolment in British Columbia. Parents continue to choose independent schools for their children despite the decline in the overall school-aged enrolment in our province. We are proud of the quality of education offered in our schools represented by the five associations of FISA BC.

Our board would be pleased to have you attend one of the following meetings for a "get acquainted" meeting. This would be an opportunity for our directors to introduce you to the five associations of independent schools, and for you to share your thoughts on education in British Columbia. Our board meets monthly, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on the following dates: October 28, November 25 or January 27, 2016. Unfortunately, guests have already been invited for the September 23, 2015 meeting. Please let us know if you are available on any of the three dates listed above.

We wish you much success as you pursue the mandate that has been given to you by the Premier. You have the privilege of working with many great educators and leaders in independent and public education as we jointly strive for our students to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to make a positive contribution to our changing world.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Doug Lauson, President

Cc: Peter Froese, Executive Director

PS. Looking forward to building even stronger relationships with the Ministry for the children of BC – Doug

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Tim → LO Oct 6th

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RSVP'd yes
Sept 30th

September 14, 2015

Honourable Mike Bernier, M.L.A.
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt,
Victoria BC, V8W9E2

Mike

Dear Minister:

The 50th anniversary of the Federation of Independent School Associations in BC (FISA BC) will occur in 2016. In recognition of fifty years of collaboration among the five associations that comprise FISA BC, we are hosting a major convention on February 4th and 5th, 2016 at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre for over 5,000 delegates from our five member associations. These associations include Catholic, Protestant, university preparatory, special needs, Montessori, Waldorf, distributed learning, philosophical and other faith-based schools.

Our Convention Committee has secured several high profile speakers, including Canadian astronaut Col. Chris Hadfield and Daniel Pink, a world-renowned author and speaker on motivation, innovation and learning. Sessional speakers include Charles Fadel, Allan November, Kimberly Mitchell, Christopher Gaze and Jong Zhao, who will speak on technology in education, inquiry-based learning and learning in the 21st Century.

Most independent school teachers would never have the opportunity to hear such distinguished speakers to support their teaching practice due to the high cost involved. However, FISA BC has kept registration fees for the Convention affordable to ensure that independent school teachers from throughout the province, including rural communities, have the opportunity to attend this outstanding event. Never before have the five independent school associations come together for such an amazing opportunity!

The Convention Committee is inviting you to offer greetings and remarks on Friday morning, February 5th, 2016 at the "Learning Together, Leading Forward" Convention on February 4 -5, 2016. Your comments of approximately 10 minutes can reflect on the value of choice in education and the opportunities available to BC independent schools in the next decade, or if you prefer, choose your own topic. You are invited to be our guest over the two days for as much time as you can manage in your busy schedule. This will be the first time in the history of independent schools that the Minister of Education is able to address the majority of teachers, administrators and board members from independent schools throughout this great province at one event!

You are also invited to attend the gala dinner for 300 selected guests to honour those that have distinguished themselves in supporting educational choice for families in BC. The dinner is scheduled to take place at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Center on Thursday evening, February 4th, 2016. A personal invitation to the gala dinner will follow at a later date.

We're super excited about this celebration and we hope that you are able to join us on this momentous occasion for BC independent schools! We encourage you to visit the convention website at www.fisabc-convention2016.com for more information.

Please confirm your availability to attend with Peter Froese, Executive Director of FISA BC at 604 684 6023 or by email at info@fisabc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

Doug Lauson,
President, FISA BC

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Hon. Mike Bernier
Minister of Education
Room 134, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC
V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Bernier

On February 4-5, 2016, FISA BC will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary of advocating for parental choice in education in the province of British Columbia. We are organizing a Convention at the Vancouver Convention Centre in which 5000 educators, administrators, and board members from all five associations of FISA BC will be participating.

A very special feature of the Convention will be a Gala Dinner on the evening of Thursday, February 4, in the Harbourfront Ballroom of the Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront at 1133 West Hastings Street, Vancouver. FISA BC is pleased to invite you and a companion of your choice as our guests at the Gala Dinner. The reception will begin at 6:00 pm, doors to the Harbourfront Ballroom will open at 6:45 pm, and the dinner will begin at 7:00 pm. Parking is available beneath the hotel for a flat rate of $6.00 for the evening after 6:00 pm.

In order to secure your two complimentary seats at the Gala Dinner, please email ruth@fisabc.ca or call the office at 604-684-6023. Office hours are Monday to Friday 8:30-4:30. You are welcome to leave a message outside of these hours. Please confirm your attendance at the Gala Dinner **by Friday, December 18, 2015.**

We hope that you will be able to join us for this celebration of independent school education in BC.

Sincerely yours,

Doug Lauson
President, FISA BC

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August 7, 2015

Hon. Mike Bernier
Minister of Education
Room 310
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Bernier,

Congratulations on your recent appointment at Minister of Education. We are confident that your work as Minister will contribute to BC's growing economy, and will build on your government's plan to provide K-12 students with the skills required to meet the demands of the labour market.

Construction Labour Relations represents 300 contractors who are signatory to BC Building Trade agreements. Our members are keenly interested in the development of a highly skilled workforce, and see the pathways created in the secondary school system as an important part of government's role.

I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how our members have, and can continue, to support your government's efforts in this area, as well as to explore areas of further collaboration and opportunities to enhance current programs.

I look forward to meeting with you soon.

Sincerely,

Clyde Scollan
President and CEO

emailed Sept 10.
offering October dates
wanting Oct 16
holding @ 2:30pm
booked.
- rqst'd. material & staff Oct 1.

- Oct 23 4:00pm - Booked!

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MO - Jacqueline O'Callaghan.
Advice → Minister should meet.

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Sincerely,

Clyde Scollan
President and CEO

emailed.
clydes@clra-bc.com
Sept 10th
(Pat - coordinator)
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Wanting Oct 16