

Source: <http://www.mineducacion.gov.co/1759/w3-article-360358.html>

Copyright

Page 002 to/à Page 006

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

Copyright





Copyright



































Table of Contents: Colombia March 16 – 26, 2017

VICTORIA GOMEZ CASTILLO, ADVISOR - COLOMBIA MINISTRY OF EDUCATION	
CELL: s.22	
Travel Program	
Section 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Itinerary Overview B. Flight Details C. Accommodation D. Colombian Contact Information E. British Columbia Contact Information F. Canadian Embassy Contact Information
Personal Security	
Section 2	G. Security in Colombia Overview
Meeting Objective	
Section 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H. Objectives and Activities I. Key Messages and Speaking Notes J. Scholarship Announceables
Daily Itineraries	
Section 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K. March 20 Details L. March 21 Details M. March 22 Details N. March 23 Details O. March 24 – 26 Details (Private Program) P. Maps – Bogota, Medellin, Cartagena, and Colombia
BC – Colombia MOU	
Section 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q. Signed MOU – English and Spanish R. MOU Work Plan S. MOU Status Update
Colombia Background	
Section 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T. Colombia Country Profile U. Colombia Market Profile V. Confidential Sensitive Issues in Colombia W. Colombia Education System
B.C. Education Background	
Section 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X. International Education 2016-17 Briefing Note Y. Colegio Canadiense School Profile Z. PISA 2015 Summary
Presentation	
Section 8	A. PowerPoint Presentation
Collateral and Gifts	
Section 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B. Collateral C. Gift List

Table of Contents: Colombia March 16 – 26, 2017

KEY MESSAGING / BACKGROUND NOTES FOR SPEAKING

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

General Notes:

- British Columbia's education system is among the best in the world.
- We are very proud of our world-class education system and the strong reputation we have in Canada and around the world.
- According to the 2015 PISA result, B.C. students earned the top spot in Reading, second in Science and sixth in Math.
- International Education is British Columbia's 3rd largest export.
- Each year more than 100,000 students come to B.C. to study at all levels and many choose to stay. Here's why:
 - Government is committed to investing / supporting a world-class education system;
 - British Columbia is a welcoming and exciting place to study because of its economy and young, diverse population;
 - Cities and towns in every region of our diverse province offer a world-class standard of living with exciting study and work opportunities; and
 - British Columbia's culturally diverse, safe, and secure making it a popular choice for international students.
 - A B.C. education provides students a pathway to post-secondary institutions and to the job market around the world.

KEY MESSAGING / BACKGROUND NOTES FOR SPEAKING

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

Colombia Specific Notes

- On December 14, 2016 an education-related MOU was signed between Deputy Minister Dave Byng and Colombian Minister of Education Ms. Yaneth Ciha Tovar.
- Colombia's Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Nicolás Lloreda-Ricaurte, witnessed the signing
- The MOU will strengthen the relationship between B.C. and Colombia and provide opportunities to expand student and teacher mobility between jurisdictions. It will also help expand and diversify the International Education sector.
- B.C. certifies one Offshore School in Colombia to offer the B.C. graduation program, the Colegio Canadiense, located outside Medellin.
 - The school has 104 students with an impressive graduation rate of 96%.
- British Columbia is offering \$15,000 in new scholarships to support Colombian students who come to British Columbia, increase the number of British Columbian students and B.C. teachers who go to Colombia and form school-to-school partnerships.
- Most Colombian students come to study for short-term programs and are therefore not captured by the current reporting mechanisms (Federal government study permit data).
- The B.C. for High School Website provides Spanish-language information on the B.C. education system.

KEY MESSAGING / BACKGROUND NOTES FOR SPEAKING

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

If asked about our K-12 Education System Onshore:

- British Columbia is a first-choice study destination in Canada for many K-12 international students. In 2016/17, we welcomed over 20,000 international students into our K-12 system.
 - 15,870 students in 53 school districts
 - 4,568 students in 152 independent schools
 - That's a 9.2% increase over 2015/16
- Almost 50% of International students come from China, with South Korea, India and Japan being the next highest source countries.
- 77% of international students are educated in the Lower Mainland area.
 - 12.5% study on Vancouver Island
 - 6.5% study in Southern Interior
 - 1.2% study in Northern B.C.
- At the K-12 level, students in British Columbia have some of the highest scores in the world on international measures of literacy and numeracy, such as the OECD's Program for International Student Assessment (PISA).

KEY MESSAGING / BACKGROUND NOTES FOR SPEAKING

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

If asked about our B.C. Offshore School Program:

- British Columbia is a world leader in elementary and secondary (K-12) education.
- B.C. ensures high quality of program through yearly inspections.
- We provide the BC Curriculum to over 12,500 students through 46 BC Certified Offshore schools.
 - This is a 5% increase over 2015/16.
 - BC Certified Offshore schools are currently in 8 countries, with another country joining in 2017/18.
 - There are an additional five schools currently at various stages in the new school application process. Based on past experience, the Ministry anticipates that two - three of the five will open in 2017/18.
- China has almost 10,000 students in their 35 offshore schools with an 87% graduation rate.
- Egypt's and South Korea's offshore schools have a 100% graduation rate.
- Colombia's school has a 96% graduation rate.

If asked about how B.C. compares to other jurisdictions:

- B.C. outperforms all other English-speaking jurisdictions in K-12 international education on a per capita basis (e.g. more international students per capita bringing more diversity).
- When the B.C. International Education Strategy was launched in 2012, New Zealand was ahead of B.C. on a per capita basis. By the end of 2016, B.C. had surpassed New Zealand.
- B.C. has the most offshore schools of any Canadian jurisdiction, with the highest number of students.

If asked about BC International Education Strategy 2010-2016:

- K-12 sector has grown by 56% since the International Education Strategy baseline.

KEY MESSAGING / BACKGROUND NOTES FOR SPEAKING

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

- K-12 international education sector grew to 18,711 students (from the strategy baseline of 12,000 launched in 2012).
- That's an increase of 6,711 students.
- The offshore school sector saw enormous growth of 300%.

If asked about BC Jobs Plan 5 Year Progress Update:

- On January 23, 2017, the B.C. Government released the B.C. Jobs Plan 5-Year Progress Update
- There are 9 sectors identified in the BC Jobs Plan.
- Targets for each sector run for 4 years, from 2016/17 – 2020.
- The International Education sector target is to create 3,000 new jobs and achieve a global increase of 10% in the number of international students studying in B.C.
 - This would include students from K-12 schools, language schools, and post-secondary institutions.
 - The K-12 sector has already reached almost 10% growth in year one of the 4-year strategy.

If asked about the International Education Strategy:

- B.C.'s Education sector is updating its International Education Strategy.
- The refreshed Strategy targets have been set by the BC Jobs Plan 5-Year Progress Update (January 2017). They are to:
 - Increase international student enrolment by 10%, by 2020 and;
 - Generate 3,000 new jobs as a result of the increase of students.
- The Refreshed Strategy is expected to be released in Fall 2017.

KEY MESSAGING / BACKGROUND NOTES FOR SPEAKING

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

If asked about MOUS:

- In fiscal 2016/17, EDUC signed 4 new MOU's (France, Spain, Italy, Colombia) with emerging international education markets to help diversify B.C.'s international education landscape.
- Two of the four markets (Italy and Spain) are already participating in short-term student visits of 2 weeks to 5 months.
- One of the goals of these MOU's is to provide opportunities for students to participate in longer term visits.
- Progress is being made and partnerships developed through the signing of these new MOU's and joint plans are being developed between B.C. and the other jurisdictions.

If asked about Colombia MOU:

- On December 14, 2016 an education-related MOU was signed between Deputy Minister Dave Byng and Minister of Education Ms. Yaneth Ciha Tovar.
- Colombia's Ambassador to Canada, His Excellency Nicolás Lloreda-Ricaurte, witnessed the signing.
- The MOU will achieve **four** outcomes:
 - Increase the number of exchanges of students, teachers, and education experts between British Columbia and Colombia:
 - Support the expansion of British Columbia's Offshore School Program in Colombia.
 - Increase the number of Colombian international students attending short- and long-term education programs in British Columbia K-12 schools:
 - Increase British Columbia's market share of K-12 international students from Latin America.

KEY MESSAGING / BACKGROUND NOTES FOR SPEAKING

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

If asked about B.C. actions on Colombia MOU:

Completed Actions:

- Communicated the Colombia MOU to all school districts with International Education Programs through the sector-wide Pathways workshop (December 2016) and through quarterly updates with BCCIE, IPSEA, and AVED.
- Sent Education's draft work plan to Colombia Consul General for review (February 2017).
- Launched International Student Orientation Website (December 2016) .
- Translated education modernization support materials (2 brochures and 1 video) into Spanish and posted to EDUC's website.

Next Steps:

- Translate student orientation website into Spanish (March 2017) and provide the Consul General with an introductory letter from the Deputy Minister.
- Schedule Quarterly MOU implementation calls between the Colombian Consul General and EDUC ADM or DM.
- Schedule twice-annual Latin American Consular Corps meetings and promote international student recruitment and offshore school expansion using Colombia model.
- Work with BCCIE to promote the MOU and Offshore school program on their upcoming Mission to Colombia (March).
- Target new Colombian offshore school owners.
- Develop a webpage promoting all MOU's and reporting out on outcomes (March 2017)
- Host workshop promoting MOU and school partnerships for B.C. K-12 and post-secondary institutions (June 2017).
- Include Colombia in the next administration of BC Student and Teacher Scholarships (applications open October 2017)

KEY MESSAGING / BACKGROUND NOTES FOR SPEAKING

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

- Create 4 tuition scholarships (\$1,250) for K-12 Latin American international students entering full-year B.C. K-12 study programs
- Work with IPSEA on proposed recruiting in Colombia (Dec 2017)

Colombia's Strategic Importance

- Colombia is Latin's America's 4th largest economy.
- Colombia is a member of the Pacific Alliance (Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru); Canada is an observer.
- If the Pacific Alliance is viewed as a single economy, it is the 8th largest economy in the world.
- Colombia has a growing middle class and economy.
- Colombia is currently a market for short-term international students (under 6 months).
- One of EDUC's aims is to demonstrate Colombia's viability to B.C. school districts as a market for long-term (full year) students.

If asked about Quality Assurance or Homestay (K-12):

- The Province of British Columbia, public school districts, and independent school international student programs are proud of British Columbia's world class education system, B.C.'s welcoming communities and our incredible natural environment.
- The safety and well-being of international students while studying in British Columbia is a top priority.
- British Columbia is committed to high-quality homestay experiences for all students and recognizes that host families are an integral part of a student's experience in B.C.
- In 2015, B.C. published the K-12 Homestay Guidelines to provide consistent, province-wide best practice standards for British Columbia's K-12 homestay sector.
- This helps to ensure that international students are living in a safe, supportive environment while studying in British Columbia.

KEY MESSAGING / BACKGROUND NOTES FOR SPEAKING

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

If asked about Student Orientation Website - *BC for High School Website*:

- EDUC developed and launched a new student orientation website in December 2016.
- The purpose of this site is to market B.C. as a K-12 study destination & orientation and support materials for international students in B.C.
- The website was developed collaboratively with partners, including key consular partners representing large international student populations. The website features new videos and photos showcasing B.C. students and schools.
- By the end of March 2017, the site will be translated into Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish, and by June, the site will be translated into Portuguese (aimed at Brazilian students), Vietnamese, and Thai.
- Stakeholder feedback on the website has been positive, with school districts beginning to incorporate the website into their own marketing efforts abroad. Over 40% of site visits are now coming from foreign locations.

If asked about Scholarships:

- EDUC continues to be active in marketing through the provision of international education scholarships for:
 - Outbound B.C. students and teachers;
 - In 2016/17 B.C sent over 350 students from B.C. to France, Italy, China and Japan, all of which are MOU partners
 - Incoming international students (into Grades 9-11 and for graduating grade 12 students remaining in B.C. for post-secondary studies).
 - Resident B.C. students studying Mandarin.

KEY MESSAGING / BACKGROUND NOTES FOR SPEAKING

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

If asked about our Economic Revenue:

- Economic revenue from K-12 international student tuition is over \$286 million annually.
 - Coquitlam, Vancouver, Burnaby and Greater Victoria have the highest number of international students within their districts.
- B.C.'s economy benefits from living expenses of students (homestay, food, and entertainment), visits from family and friends, tourist activities and travel.

If asked about Education Quality Assurance (post-secondary):

- British Columbia's Education Quality Assurance Designation (EQA) is Canada's first provincial brand of quality for post-secondary education.
- It identifies high quality post-secondary institutions and language schools in the province that meet or exceed government's quality standards and offer consumer protection.
- Post-secondary institutions in British Columbia wishing to host international students with study permits are required to achieve the EQA designation. This confirms Government's commitment to remain among the world's best.
- The EQA designation eliminates the need for students, parents and agents to understand the different provincial quality assurance processes that govern each type of British Columbia post-secondary institution.
- B.C. has the best transfer system in Canada, which allows students to easily more their post-secondary credits from public and private institutions, such as college to university.

KEY MESSAGING / BACKGROUND NOTES FOR SPEAKING

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

If asked about labour market, shortages and work opportunities for international students:

- There are critical labour shortages in key sectors and regions of British Columbia.
- International students studying at the post-secondary level may be able to work while studying in British Columbia under Citizenship and Immigration Canada's (CIC's) work programs for students.

If asked about our Post-Secondary Education System:

- British Columbia's high quality universities, colleges and institutes offer short-term courses to degree programs in a wide-variety of professional and academic areas, from health, business and engineering to the arts and social sciences
- In British Columbia, students have the opportunity to gain internationally recognized credentials and work with world-renowned teachers, professors and scientists.
- **Transition to PSI:**
 - Retaining K-12 international students that have already selected B.C. as a study choice and transitioning them into a B.C. post-secondary institution remains a vital objective
 - In support of this, EDUC held a Pathways Conference attended by over 100 participants, representing 22 school districts, 33 post-secondary institutions, and B.C.'s international education associations.
 - Feedback on the conference was outstanding, with over 96% of respondents requesting the Ministry hold a similar event next year.

**SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEABLES
COLOMBIA MEETINGS
MARCH 21 – 24, 2017**

SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEABLES (3 Scholarships totalling \$15,000):

For announcement in meetings with the Colombian Ministry of Education:

- On March 21, 2017 in the 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM meetings
- On March 23, 2017 at the meetings with the BC Offshore School

The goal is to increase student and teacher mobility between British Columbia and Colombia

In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia. The money will be split between three scholarship programs for:

- (a) Colombian students partial tuition scholarship for study in B.C.
- (b) B.C. school groups travelling to Colombia to study and learn on a school trip
- (c) A B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to promote school to school partnerships

A. Colombian Student Scholarships for Study in B.C.

- Four new partial tuition scholarships for:
 - 2 Colombian international students entering a British Columbia public or independent school for a full-year academic program in grades 9, 10, or 11;
 - 2 Colombian international students graduating from a B.C. school (including offshore school) and attending a B.C. post-secondary institution.
- Scholarship Value - \$1,250 per scholarship
- Total Value - \$5,000
- Implementation: The first intake of the scholarship will be March 31, 2018
- Name: BC International Student Ambassador Scholarship

B. B.C. Student School Trip

- Funding sufficient to support one B.C. school trip to Colombia
- Total Value: \$5,000
- Name: BC Student Exchange and Mobility Award
- Implementation: The first intake will be Fall 2017
- Note: This scholarship will depend on finding a suitable school group from B.C. planning to travel to Colombia in 2017/18

- See over -

**SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEABLES
COLOMBIA MEETINGS
MARCH 21 – 24, 2017**

C. B.C. Teacher

- Funding sufficient to support one B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to support the development of a school-to-school partnership
- Total Value: \$5,000
- Name: BC Teacher Exchange and Mobility Award
- Implementation: The first intake will be Fall 2017

**DAILY ITINERARY
MARCH 20, 2017**

BOGOTA

March 20, 2017 - BOGOTA

Tuesday

NATIONAL HOLIDAY – SAINT JOSEPH’S DAY

All Day

Private Program

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Consul General Pinzon and ^{s.22} to pick up
Deputy Minister from the hotel (*five block walk*)**

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Dinner at the Restaurant

Club Colombia Restaurante

Av 82 # 9-11

(+571) 3210704

Reservation has been arranged for 7pm

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister**
- **Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General**
 - **Gifts will be given to Embassy staff at formal meetings**
- **Nicolas Cloutier will conduct briefing for Deputy Minister**

Canadian Embassy

- **Mr. Nicolas Cloutier, Charge D’Affaires, Counsellor and Consul (currently highest ranking official)**
- **Ms. Brenda Wills, Senior Trade Commissioner**
- **Ms. Magali Boffet, Trade Commissioner**

- **Dr. Randall Martin, Executive Director, British Columbia Council for International Education**

*** Suitcase with protocol gifts will be carried to Colombia by Randall Martin, BCCIE, and delivered to the Deputy Minister at the hotel on March 20, prior to the Dinner**

**** BCCIE will host the dinner**

DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 20, 2017

Monica Pinzon

Consul General of Colombia in Vancouver

- Monica Pinzon completed a Professional (Degree) in social communication, with emphasis in Organizational Communication at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana from Colombia. She also hold a Specialist (Diploma) in Communication law from the same university.
- In recent years (2002-2010) she has been a recognized communications consultant for private companies and public sector entities, creating communications strategies for image management, events, public relations, crisis management, social responsibility, protocol press and others. In August 2010, she led an interdisciplinary team in the planning and execution of the event transmission Presidential Inauguration.
- She has served as Chief of the Office of Communications of the Ministry of Education (2001-2002), Director of Public Relations of the Institute of Social Insurance and Compensate. For years Monica has worked as a volunteer for the Good Government Foundation, where she promoted social inclusion programs and youth political participation.
- Between March 1, 2011 and May 12, 2015 she was the Consul of Colombia in Boston, for the states of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Maine, Vermont and Massachusetts. During this period she led Colombian community programs.
- Since August 26, 2015 she is has been the Consul General of Colombia in the city of Vancouver.



DAILY ITINERARY
MARCH 20, 2017

Nicolas Cloutier

Charge D’Affaires, Counsellor and Consul

Canadian Embassy

Picture not available

- Nicolas Cloutier has a Bachelor’s Degree in International business and studies in International Relations and a Master Studies in Emergency Management;
- Nicolas has held various postings covering different functions (Costa de Marfil, Dominican Republic, Brazil and Colombia).
- He has been lead on NEO civilian-military operations (Non-combatant Evacuation Operations) in complex missions like Haiti, Libya, Niger and been responsible to cover Fragile states with UN missions, responsible for evacuation plans in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Niger;
- Nicolas served as Lead (commanding Officer) of Standing Rapid Deployment Teams.

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 20, 2017

Brenda Wills

Senior Trade Commissioner/ Counsellor (Commercial)

Canadian Embassy

Picture not available

- Brenda Wills joined the Global Affairs Canada in 2004 and has since served abroad at the embassies of Canada in Washington, D.C., the Republic of Chile, and the Republic of Colombia.
- In Ottawa, she has held several positions, including Trade Commissioner in the Mexico Division. From 2005 to 2007, she was a Trade Policy Officer focused on initiatives with Europe and worked on the conclusion of Canada's free trade agreement negotiations with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries.
- Ms. Wills was first posted to the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C. in 2007 as Trade Commissioner responsible for the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) sector. In early 2008, she moved to the Economic section of the Embassy serving as Second Secretary (Trade Policy) until 2010.
- From 2011 to 2015, Ms. Wills was First Secretary (Commercial) and Trade Commissioner at the Embassy of Canada to the Republic of Chile where she was responsible for bilateral and regional trade policy initiatives/issues, as well as trade promotion for the education and ICT sectors.
- She then returned to Ottawa to work on the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations. In August 2016, she began her most recent posting to the Republic of Colombia as Senior Trade Commissioner and Counsellor (Commercial).
- Prior to joining the Canadian Foreign Service, Ms. Wills worked as a Project Manager (Market Research) for Ipsos-Reid in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Previously, she also worked as a Customs Officer with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) in Emerson, Manitoba.
- Brenda Wills holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree in International Business and Marketing from the University of Manitoba. She speaks Spanish, French and English. s.22

s.22

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 20, 2017

Magali Boffet

Education Trade Commissioner

Canadian Embassy

Picture not available

- Magali Boffet holds a BA in international relations and she's a certified translator (spanish<>french).
- She also holds a Masters' degree in international cooperation and multi-languages communication from Université Stendhal Grenoble 3 (France).
- She has 12 years of professional experience in international education both in the private and public sector in France and Colombia.
- She has participated in the design and coordination of international academic mobility and research projects.
- At her previous position at the Office of International Relations at Universidad del Rosario in Bogota, she contributed to foster scientific collaborations between Colombian faculty members and international peers in Latin America, Europe and North America.
- She also helped boost the participation of university students to different kinds of scholarships and study abroad opportunities.

**DAILY ITINERARY
MARCH 21, 2017**

BOGOTA

March 21, 2017 - BOGOTA

Tuesday

Meetings with Colombian Ministry of Education

Driver: s.22

Vehicle (Honda CR-V 2015), Cell: s.22

Transportation Company Owner: DANIEL GONZALEZ Cell: s.22
s.22

Car and driver (booked) will provide all transportation for the delegation from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm (pick up and drop off at hotel)

**10:00 am – 11:00 am
(DM)**

Travel to meetings

- **Consul General Monica Pinzon will meet DM Byng at the hotel at 9:45 am and accompany them to all meetings**

**11:00 am – 11:45 am
(DM)**

Meeting between:

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister**
- **Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General**
- **Ms. Luz Amparo Medina, Head of the Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Ministry of Education**

Proposed Topics of Discussion

- **BC Colombia MOU and MOU Workplan (high level)**
- **International Education in BC and Colombia**
- **BC International Education Strategy**
- **Announcement of new B.C. International Education Scholarships for Colombia**

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
(DM)**

Lunch

- **Colombian Ministry of Education will host lunch at a nearby restaurant**

***Ms. Yaneth Cristina Ciha Tovar, Minister of Education may attend if available**

DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 21, 2017

**2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
(DM)**

Meeting between:

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister**
- **Mr. Pablo Jaramillo, Deputy Minister of Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education**
- **Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General**
- **Ms. Yaneth Cristina Ciha Tovar, Minister of Education may attend if available**

Proposed Topics of Discussion

- **BC Colombia MOU**
- **BC Education System, including**
 - **Education Modernization and Curriculum Reform**
 - **BC Offshore School Program in Colombia**
- **Colombia Education System**
- **Bilingual Programs in Colombian Schools (Colombia Proposed)**
- **Announcement of new B.C. International Education Scholarships for Colombia**

**3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
(DM)**

Meeting between:

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister**
- **Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General**
- **Ms. Paola Trujillo Pulido, Director of Quality for Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education**

Proposed Topics of Discussion

- **BC Offshore School Program Quality Assurance and Inspections**
- **BC Framework for Enhanced Student Learning**
- **Colombian Quality Assurance Mechanisms**

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Roundtable with Colombian Canadian Chamber of Commerce
Address: Calle 99 No 9 A – 45 Oficina 403 A

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister**
- **Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General**
- **Ms. Yasmin Sabbag, Council President**
- **Note: The Chamber will invite members from private and public universities**
 - **Contact Person: Katherine Toro Toro – Phone 6367260 Ext 205 Cell phone:^{s.22}**

Proposed Topics of Discussion

- **BC Colombia MOU**
- **BC – Colombia Trade**
- **BC Offshore School Program**

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Travel to Restaurant

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Dinner

- **Mr. Dave Byng and Mrs. Cheryl Byng**
- **Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General and Mr. Andres Osorai**
- **Consul General recommends a restaurant in the vicinity of Parque de la 93**

Notes:

All meetings from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm are to take place at the Ministry of Education

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING WITH HEAD OF THE COOPERATION AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OFFICE

DATE:	March 21, 2017
TIME:	11:00 am – 11:45 am
LOCATION:	Colombian Ministry of Education (Calle 43 #5714, Bogotá, Colombia)
MEETING WITH: (DM)	Luz Amparo Medina, Head of the Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Ministry of Education (<i>bio attached</i>)
BC DELEGATION:	Deputy Minister Dave Byng
COLOMBIAN GOV'T REPRESENTATION:	Consul General Mónica Pinzón
HOSTED BY:	Colombian Ministry of Education
GIFT:	Luz Amparo Medina: Scarf
INTERPRETER:	No

PROPOSED TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- BC Colombia MOU and MOU Work Plan (high level) – See Tabs Q, R, S
- International Education in BC and Colombia
- BC International Education Strategy
- Announce International Education Scholarships in support of the MOU

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Demonstrate a commitment to strong relationships with Colombian officials
- Promote the expansion of additional offshore schools in Colombia
- Highlight the strength of BC's world class education system and international education sector as a global leader in the highest per capita number of international students studying
- Announce \$15,000 in international education scholarships in support of the MOUs implementation

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Strengthen international relationships
- Increase Offshore School partnership agreements with educational institutions
- Increase intelligence on how to best promote the two way flow of students between Colombia and BC

KEY MESSAGES:

- The MOU between B.C. and Colombia will:
 - Strengthen the relationship between BC and Colombia;
 - Provide opportunities to expand student and teacher mobility between jurisdictions; and
 - Enable us to learn from each other around better educational practices (e.g. curriculum).
- MOU Work Plan:
 - An MOU Work Plan is being developed at the program level
 - Key B.C. actions listed in the work plan are already under way, including
 - MOU promotion to school districts
 - Translated B.C. Education System information into Spanish
 - Development of Scholarships in support of MOU (see below)

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 21, 11:00 – 11:45 AM

KEY MESSAGES (CONT).

- MOU Work Plan (Cont):
- B.C. Education: B.C.'s education system is globally recognized for its high quality which provides students a pathway to post-secondary institutions and to the job market around the world
- International Education:
 - Is a priority sector for the Government of B.C. (e.g. International Education Strategy, 2012)
 - Prepares students to engage with the world;
 - Leads to a strong economy and more understanding within communities;
 - Has grown by 56% (enrolment) in B.C. since 2012.
 - The BC for High School Website (Brochures attached as collateral) provides an overview of B.C.'s education system (available in Spanish and English).
- BC Offshore School Program:
 - The BC Offshore School Program offers access to students from around the world to B.C.'s world-class education system.
 - B.C. is proud of the accomplishments of the BC Offshore School in Medellin, the *Colegio Canadiense*.
 - B.C. would like to expand the Offshore School Program in Colombia
- Scholarships:
 - In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia.
 - The money will be split between three scholarship programs for:
 - Scholarship 1: Colombian students partial tuition (\$1,250) scholarship for study in B.C. (Total: \$5,000)
 - 2 Colombian international students entering a British Columbia public or independent school for a full-year academic program in grades 9, 10, or 11;
 - 2 Colombian international students graduating from a B.C. school (including offshore school) and attending a B.C. post-secondary institution.
 - The first intake of the scholarship will be March 31, 2018
 - Scholarship 2: B.C. school groups travelling to Colombia to study and learn on a school trip (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. school trip to Colombia
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017
 - Scholarship 3: A B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to promote school to school partnerships (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to support the development of a school-to-school partnership
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 21, 11:00 – 11:45 AM

BIOGRAPHY

Luz Amparo Medina

Head of the Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Ministry of Education

- Luz Ampara Medina went to the London School of Economics and Political Science where she obtained an MSc in Politics of Development in Latin America. Previously, she completed her Bachelors at Universidad Externando de Colombia.
- She has worked positions such as a Researcher for the UN Development Programs, Advisor to Director of Heritage, Chief of the International Affairs and Cooperation Office and Program Manager with the High Level Education Program.
- Luz Ampara Medina also taught for 6 years at Universidad Externando de Colombia in the Faculty of Finance, Government and International relations (1999-2004).



DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING WITH DEPUTY MINISTER OF PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

DATE:	March 21, 2017
TIME:	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
LOCATION:	Colombian Ministry of Education Calle 43 #5714, Bogotá, Colombia
MEETING WITH: (DM)	Pablo Jaramillo, Deputy Minister of Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education (<i>bio attached</i>) Yaneth Cristina Ciha Tovar, Minister of Education, *may attend (<i>bio attached</i>)
BC DELEGATION:	Deputy Minister Dave Byng
COLOMBIAN GOV'T REPRESENTATION:	Consul General Mónica Pinzón
HOSTED BY:	Colombian Ministry of Education
GIFT:	Pablo Jaramillo: Large Aboriginal Carved Spoon Yaneth Cristina Ciha Tovar: Aboriginal Carved Serving Dish
INTERPRETER:	No

PROPOSED TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- BC Colombia MOU
- BC Education System, including
 - Education Modernization and Curriculum Reform
 - BC Offshore School Program in Colombia
- Colombia Education System
- Bilingual Programs in Colombian Schools (Colombia Proposed)
- Announce International Education Scholarships in support of the MOU

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Demonstrate a commitment to strong relationships with established offshore school partner
- Promote the expansion of additional offshore schools in Colombia
- Highlight the strength of BC's world class education system and international education sector as a global leader in the highest per capita number of international students studying
- Discuss BC's new Curriculum

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Learn more about the Colombian Education System, in particular the role the government plays in pre-school oversight
- Increase Offshore School partnership agreements with educational institutions
- Increase opportunities for further education collaboration information exchange and partnerships in a range of areas, including student, faculty and staff exchange

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 21, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES:

- The MOU between B.C. and Colombia will:
 - Strengthen the relationship between BC and Colombia;
 - Provide opportunities to expand student and teacher mobility between jurisdictions; and
 - Enable us to learn from each other around better educational practices (e.g. curriculum).
- In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia. (See below)
- BC welcomes increased student and teacher exchanges and mobility between BC and Colombia
- MOU Work Plan:
 - An MOU Work Plan is being developed at the program level
 - Key B.C. actions listed in the work plan are already under way, including
 - MOU promotion to school districts
 - Translated B.C. Education System information into Spanish
 - Development of Scholarships in support of MOU (see below)
- B.C. Education:
 - B.C.'s education system is globally recognized for its high quality which provides students a pathway to post-secondary institutions and to the job market around the world
 - B.C. is modernizing the curriculum to focus on **core competencies** (thinking, communication, and personal and social) that support **life-long learning**.
- International Education:
 - Is a priority sector for the Government of B.C. (e.g. International Education Strategy, 2012)
 - Prepares students to engage with the world;
 - Leads to a strong economy and more understanding within communities;
 - Has grown by 56% (enrolment) in B.C. since 2012.
 - The BC for High School Website (Brochures attached as collateral) provides an overview of B.C.'s education system (available in Spanish and English).
- BC Offshore School Program:
 - The BC Offshore School Program offers access to students from around the world to B.C.'s world-class education system.
 - B.C. is proud of the accomplishments of the BC Offshore School in Medellin, the *Colegio Canadiense*.
 - B.C. would like to expand the Offshore School Program in Colombia
- Scholarships:
 - In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia.
 - The money will be split between three scholarship programs for:

DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 21, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES (CONT):

- Scholarships (cont.):
 - Scholarship 1: Colombian students partial tuition (\$1,250) scholarship for study in B.C. (Total: \$5,000)
 - 2 Colombian international students entering a British Columbia public or independent school for a full-year academic program in grades 9, 10, or 11;
 - 2 Colombian international students graduating from a B.C. school (including offshore school) and attending a B.C. post-secondary institution.
 - The first intake of the scholarship will be March 31, 2018
 - Scholarship 2: B.C. school groups travelling to Colombia to study and learn on a school trip (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. school trip to Colombia
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017
 - Scholarship 3: A B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to promote school to school partnerships (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to support the development of a school-to-school partnership
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 21, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

BIOGRAPHY

Pablo Jaramillo

Deputy Minister of Preschool, Elementary, and Secondary Education

- Pablo Jaramillo obtained his Master's in Public Administration from Harvard University and was a Fellow of the Global Competitiveness Leadership Program at Georgetown University.
- Prior to Pablo Jaramillo's current position, he was the CEO and founder of Enseña por Colombia (Teach for Colombia), which is an organization dedicated to providing the opportunity of quality education for all children.
 - Enseña por Colombia has grown significantly, serving seven regions across the country and supporting a network of 121 alumni, the majority of whom continue to work in education
- On January 20, he was announced the Vice- Minister of Education, and will be responsible for the creation and implementation of the country's education policies.



DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING WITH DIRECTOR OF QUALITY FOR PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

DATE:	March 21, 2017
TIME:	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm
LOCATION:	Colombian Ministry of Education Calle 43 #5714, Bogotá, Colombia
MEETING WITH: (DM)	Paola Andrea Trujillo, Director of Quality for Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education (<i>bio attached</i>)
BC DELEGATION:	Deputy Minister Dave Byng
COLOMBIAN GOV'T REPRESENTATION:	Consul General Mónica Pinzón
HOSTED BY:	Colombian Ministry of Education
GIFT:	Paola Andrea Trujillo: Scarf
INTERPRETER:	No

PROPOSED TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- BC Offshore School Program Quality Assurance and Inspections – See additional information following
- BC Framework for Enhanced Student Learning – See additional information following
- Colombian Quality Assurance Mechanisms

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Demonstrate a commitment to strong relationships with established offshore school partner
- Highlight the strength of BC's world class education system and international education sector as a global leader in the highest per capita number of international students studying
- Discuss the high quality of education in B.C. for all students

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Strengthen international relationships
- Learn new quality assurance measures that can be implemented at all education levels
- Increase opportunities for further education collaboration and partnerships in a range of areas, including student, faculty and staff exchange

KEY MESSAGES:

- British Columbia's education system is globally recognized for its high quality which provides students a pathway to post-secondary institutions and to the job market around the world.
- B.C. ensures high quality assurance of its offshore school program through yearly inspections.
- British Columbia is committed to high-quality homestay experiences for all students and recognizes that host families are an integral part of a student's experience in B.C.
- B.C. is modernizing the curriculum to focus on core competencies (thinking, communication, and personal and social) that support life-long learning.

DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 21, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

B.C. Offshore School Program – Quality Assurance Mechanisms

- A rigorous school application process ensures that new schools offering the Global Education Program are well suited for success and are able to contribute to the Government's goals and priorities for international education.
- Owner/Operators of B.C. Offshore Schools sign an annual Certification Agreement with the Province and must abide by all certification requirements.
- Annual inspections are conducted by qualified B.C. Offshore School Inspectors; inspectors are qualified by the Ministry through periodic Request for Qualifications that follow Government standards for procurement; Inspection Reports are published on the Ministry's website; Owner/Operators must make any change required by the inspection team or the ministry before a deadline.
- Unannounced inspections are conducted at the discretion of the Ministry; unannounced inspections have been conducted every year since 2013.
- BC Offshore School Principals must have a valid BC Certificate of Qualification or an Independent School Subject-Restricted Teaching Certificate, and a minimum of 3 years' experience in a British Columbia public, independent or offshore school.
- Offshore schools must employ only BC-certified educators to deliver the B.C. curriculum (some exemptions allow local teachers to deliver specific language and culture courses).
- Owners/Operators must appoint a BC-certified educator to serve as the primary liaison between the Ministry and the Owner/Operator.
- Supplemental data collection from the two-part Annual Report (Inspection Catalogue and Business Plan) provide additional data for analysis of school and student achievement over and above the data collected in the data warehouse.
- Offshore schools agree to adhere to certain education policies designed to address specific areas of student and school achievement e.g., If a student's score on a provincial exam is 25% or lower than his or her course grade, then the exam score is recorded as the student's final grade.

DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 21, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

British Columbia Independent Schools – Quality Assurance Mechanisms

- All independent schools in British Columbia must:
 - Meet the requirements outlined in the Independent School Act, Orders and Regulations and independent school policies
 - Offer an educational program for 10 or more school age students
 - Be operated by a school authority
 - Must not offer programs that in theory or in practice will promote or foster doctrines of racial or ethnic superiority or persecution, religious intolerance or persecution, social change through violent action, or sedition
 - Have school facilities that comply with provincial legislation and municipal or regional bylaws or requirements
 - Receive external evaluations and inspections conducted but the Ministry of Education.
- All Group 1, 2 and 4 schools must:
 - Employ B.C.-certified teachers
 - Meet the learning outcomes of B.C. curriculum for English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and French (or another choice of mandatory second language) from Kindergarten to Grade 9
 - For Grades 10 to 12, provide students with a sufficient number/selection of courses so that they can meet the requirements for graduation set out in the Graduation Program Order
- A legislated inspection cycle ensures that all schools meet and maintain the legislated standards and requirements for their classification:

Group 1 and 2 schools	External evaluation at least once every six years Monitoring inspection at least every 2 years
Group 1 and 2 schools delivering a DL program	External evaluation at least once every two years Monitoring inspection in alternate years between
Group 3 schools	Inspected at least once every two years
Group 4 schools	External evaluation at least once every two years Monitoring inspection in alternate years between

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 21, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

BIOGRAPHY:

Ms. Paola Andrea Trujillo

Director of Quality for Preschool, Elementary, and Secondary Education

No Picture Available

- Paola Andrea Trujillo has a Masters of Didactics Mathematics Bachelors in Pedagogy, and has attended Universities in Spain and Colombia, all with a focus on teaching, mathematics and pedagogy.
- Currently, she is working on a PhD in Didactics of Mathematics at the University of Granada in Spain.
- Paola Andrea Trujillo has worked as a math teacher for many years.

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

ROUND TABLE WITH COLOMBIAN CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Meeting Contact Person: Katherine Toro Toro – Phone 6367260 Ext 205 Cell phone s.22

DATE:	March 21, 2017
TIME:	5:00pm – 6:00pm
LOCATION:	Calle 99 # 9 A – 45 Oficina 403 A
MEETING WITH: (DM)	Ms. Yasmin Sabbag, Council President (<i>no bio available</i>) Note: The Chamber will invite members from Private and Public Universities
BC DELEGATION:	Deputy Minister Dave Byng
COLOMBIAN GOV'T REPRESENTATION:	Consul General Mónica Pinzón
HOSTED BY:	Colombian Ministry of Education
GIFT:	Ms. Yasmin Sabbag: Scarf Chamber of Commerce: Pins
INTERPRETER:	No

PROPOSED TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- BC Colombia MOU
- BC – Colombia Trade
- BC Offshore School Program

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Demonstrate a commitment to strong relationships with Colombian officials
- Promote the expansion of additional offshore schools in Colombia
- Highlight the strength of BC's world class education system and international education sector as a global leader in the highest per capita number of international students studying
- Discuss the benefits of international education on trade

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Strengthen international relationships and markets
- Increase Offshore School partnership agreements with educational institutions
- Increase intelligence on how to promote the two way flow of students between Colombia and BC

KEY MESSAGES / SPEAKING NOTES

- B.C. welcomes a closer relationship with Colombia.
- Trade:
 - Between 2011 and 2015, BC's exports to Colombia averaged \$40.07 million per year, including newsprint, paper, industrial machinery and tools, canary seeds, and wheat.
 - Education collaboration is an excellent way to foster increased trade and understanding.
- The MOU between B.C. and Colombia:
 - In December, B.C. signed an education-related MOU with Colombia's Ministry of Education.

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 21, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES / SPEAKING NOTES (CONT).

The MOU between B.C. and Colombia (Cont).

- The MOU will:
 - Strengthen the relationship between BC and Colombia;
 - Provide opportunities to expand student and teacher mobility between jurisdictions; and
 - Enable us to learn from each other around better educational practices (e.g. curriculum).
- In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia. (See below)
- BC welcomes increased student and teacher exchanges and mobility between BC and Colombia
- B.C. Education:
 - B.C.'s education system is globally recognized for its high quality which provides students a pathway to post-secondary institutions and to the job market around the world
 - B.C. is modernizing the curriculum to focus on **core competencies** (thinking, communication, and personal and social) that support **life-long learning**.
- International Education:
 - Is a priority sector for the Government of B.C. (e.g. International Education Strategy, 2012)
 - Prepares students to engage with the world;
 - Leads to a strong economy and more understanding within communities;
 - Has grown by 56% (enrolment) in B.C. since 2012.
 - The BC for High School Website (Brochures attached as collateral) provides an overview of B.C.'s education system (available in Spanish and English).
- BC Offshore School Program:
 - The BC Offshore School Program offers access to students from around the world to B.C.'s world-class education system.
 - B.C. provides the BC Curriculum through 46 BC Certified Offshore schools to over 12,500 students world-wide.
 - B.C. is proud of the accomplishments of the BC Offshore School in Medellin, the *Colegio Canadiense*.
 - B.C. would like to expand the Offshore School Program in Colombia
- Scholarships:
 - In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia.
 - The money will be split between three scholarship programs for:
 - Scholarship 1: Colombian students partial tuition (\$1,250) scholarship for study in B.C. (Total: \$5,000)
 - 2 Colombian international students entering a British Columbia public or

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 21, 2017

independent school for a full-year academic program in grades 9, 10, or 11;
MEETING: MARCH 21, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES / SPEAKING NOTES (CONT).

- Scholarships (cont.):
 - 2 Colombian international students graduating from a B.C. school (including offshore school) and attending a B.C. post-secondary institution.
 - The first intake of the scholarship will be March 31, 2018
 - Scholarship 2: B.C. school groups travelling to Colombia to study and learn on a school trip (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. school trip to Colombia
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017
 - Scholarship 3: A B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to promote school to school partnerships (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to support the development of a school-to-school partnership
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017

**DAILY ITINERARY
MARCH 22, 2017**

BOGOTA

**March 22, 2017 – BOGOTA
WEDNESDAY**

Driver: s.22 , **Vehicle (Honda CR-V 2015), Cell:** s.22

Transportation Company Owner: DANIEL GONZALEZ Cell: s.22
s.22

Car and driver (booked) will arrive to support delegation at 7:00 AM and drop off at the airport

7:15 am	Check out of hotel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consul General Monica Pinzon will meet DM Byng at 7:15 am and accompany him to all meetings
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Travel to Meeting at Canadian Embassy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Address: Cra. 7 #114-33, Bogotá, Colombia
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Meeting between: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister• Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General <p><u>Canadian Embassy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Nicolas Cloutier, Charge D’Affaires, Counsellor and Consul (<i>highest ranking official</i>)• Ms. Brenda Wills, Senior Trade Commissioner• Ms. Magali Boffet, Trade Commissione <p>Embassy of Canada Ambassade du Canada Carrera 7 No. 114-33 Piso 14, Bogotá, D.C. - Colombia Place: Meeting Room #1011 (Level 10)</p>
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Travel to next meeting; Consul General to brief DM on schools

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 22, 2017

10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Public School Visit</p> <p>La Estrellita</p> <p>Carrera 4 # 187B-37</p> <p>A member of the Education Secretariat will be part of the visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister• Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General• Ms. Victoria Gomez Castillo, Advisor, Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Colombian Ministry of Education• Mr. German Lisandro Maldonado Díaz, Principal• Deputy Minister to make 10 minute speech at 10:45 am
12:00 pm – 1:15	<p>Private Lunch (in vicinity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Possible lunch with Canadian Embassy</i>
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	<p>Travel to Next Meeting – Consul General to brief Deputy Minister in Car</p>
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p>Meeting with Colombian Association of Private Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister• Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General• Mr. Juan Antonio Casas, Principal, Gimnasio Campestre• Principals of Marymount School and Santa Maria School• Manager of Study Union <p>Private School Visit:</p> <p>Gimnasio Campestre</p> <p><i>Address: Calle 165 NO. 8A – 50</i></p> <p><i>Phone: 6684400</i></p> <p>Proposed Topic of Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offshore School Program and Expansion

DAILY ITINERARY
MARCH 22, 2017

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Travel to Airport

7:35 pm

Flight to Medellin (*confirmed*)

****Consul General Pinzon will be travelling on same flight***

Bogota-Medellin March 22, 2017	Avianca Flight # AV9326 departs @ 7:35 pm
Time: 59 minutes	Arrives Medellin @ 8:34 pm

s.22

8:34 pm

Airport Pick-up by s.22

Owners/Operators

B.C. Certified Offshore School in la Estrella –Antioquia

Transportation Contact: s.22

Cell: s.22

s.22

Accommodation

- Recommended by Consul General:

○ s.22

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 22, 2017

CANADIAN EMBASSY MEETING

DATE:	March 22, 2017
TIME:	8:30 am – 9:30 am
LOCATION:	Carrera 7 No. 114-33 Piso 14, Bogotá, D.C. – Colombia Place: Meeting Room #1011 (Level 10)
MEETING WITH:	Magali Boffet, Trade Commissioner (<i>bio attached</i>) Brenda Wills, Senior Trade Commissioner (<i>bio attached</i>)
BC DELEGATION:	Deputy Minister Dave Byng
COLOMBIAN GOV'T REPRESENTATION:	Consul General Mónica Pinzón
HOSTED BY:	Canadian Embassy
GIFT:	Magali Boffet: Scarf Brenda Wills: Scarf
INTERPRETER:	No

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Learn more about the relationship between Canada and Colombia and potential opportunities in the field of education
- Promote the expansion of additional offshore schools in Colombia
- Discuss the opportunities to promote and the two way flow of students and teachers between Colombia and B.C.
- Promote B.C. for High School website and its new release in Spanish

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Strategies for strengthening relationships with Colombian Education Officials in efforts to enhance the BC offshore school representation
- Increase opportunities for further education collaboration and partnerships in a range of areas, including student, faculty and staff exchange

KEY MESSAGES:

- British Columbia is a first-choice study destination in Canada for many K-12 international students. In 2016/17, we welcomed over 20,000 international students into our K-12 system.
- The MOU between B.C. and Colombia will strengthen the relationship between jurisdictions and provide opportunities to expand student and teacher mobility between jurisdictions.
- International Education is British Columbia's 3rd largest export, with more than 100,000 students studying in B.C. at all levels, every year.
- K-12 sector has grown by 56% since the International Education Strategy baseline.
- B.C.'s education system is globally recognized for its high quality which provides students a pathway to post-secondary institutions and to the job market around the world.
- Between 2011 and 2015, BC's exports to Colombia averaged \$40.07 million per year, including newsprint, paper, industrial machinery and tools, canary seeds, and wheat.

DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 22, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 22, 8:30 – 9:30 AM

BIOGRAPHY

Brenda Wills

Senior Trade Commissioner/ Counsellor (Commercial)

Picture not available

- Brenda Wills joined the Global Affairs Canada in 2004 and has since served abroad at the embassies of Canada in Washington, D.C., the Republic of Chile, and the Republic of Colombia.
- In Ottawa, she has held several positions, including Trade Commissioner in the Mexico Division. From 2005 to 2007, she was a Trade Policy Officer focused on initiatives with Europe and worked on the conclusion of Canada's free trade agreement negotiations with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries.
- Ms. Wills was first posted to the Embassy of Canada in Washington, D.C. in 2007 as Trade Commissioner responsible for the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) sector. In early 2008, she moved to the Economic section of the Embassy serving as Second Secretary (Trade Policy) until 2010.
- From 2011 to 2015, Ms. Wills was First Secretary (Commercial) and Trade Commissioner at the Embassy of Canada to the Republic of Chile where she was responsible for bilateral and regional trade policy initiatives/issues, as well as trade promotion for the education and ICT sectors.
- She then returned to Ottawa to work on the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations. In August 2016, she began her most recent posting to the Republic of Colombia as Senior Trade Commissioner and Counsellor (Commercial).
- Prior to joining the Canadian Foreign Service, Ms. Wills worked as a Project Manager (Market Research) for Ipsos-Reid in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Previously, she also worked as a Customs Officer with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) in Emerson, Manitoba.
- Brenda Wills holds a Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree in International Business and Marketing from the University of Manitoba. She speaks Spanish, French and English. s.22

s.22

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 22, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 22, 8:30 – 9:30 AM

BIOGRAPHY

Magali Boffet

Education Trade Commissioner

Picture not available

- Magali Boffet holds a BA in International Relations and she's a certified translator (spanish<>french).
- She also holds a Masters' degree in international cooperation and multi-languages communication from Université Stendhal Grenoble 3 (France).
- She has 12 years of professional experience in international education both in the private and public sector in France and Colombia.
- She has participated in the design and coordination of international academic mobility and research projects.
- At her previous position at the Office of International Relations at Universidad del Rosario in Bogota, she contributed to foster scientific collaborations between Colombian faculty members and international peers in Latin America, Europe and North America.
- She also helped boost the participation of university students to different kinds of scholarships and study abroad opportunities

DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 22, 2017

PUBLIC SCHOOL VISIT

DATE:	March 22, 2017
TIME:	10:30 am – 12:00 pm
LOCATION:	Carrera 4 # 187B -37
MEETING WITH:	La Esterllita Public School
BC DELEGATION:	Deputy Minister Dave Byng
COLOMBIAN GOV'T REPRESENTATION:	Consul General Mónica Pinzón Victoria Gomez Castillo, Advisor, Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Colombian Ministry of Education German Lisandro Maldonado Díaz, Principal
HOSTED BY:	Public School
GIFT:	Victoria Gomez Castillo : Scarf German Lisandro Maldonado Díaz: Silk Tie Pins for Students
INTERPRETER:	No

NOTE: The Consul General will brief the Deputy Minister en route to the meeting with information on the meeting participants and agenda

Program at La Esterllita Public School

10:30 am	Greeting by Principal German Lisandro Maldonado Diaz, Principal
10:40 am	Victoria Gomez Castillo, Advisors, Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Colombian Ministry of Education, will make a presentation
10:45 am	Deputy Minister Speech ** 10minutes
11:00 am	Colombian Presentation on a Project from school administration
11:30 am	Tour School

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Learn more about the relationship between Canada and Colombia and potential opportunities in the field of education
- Promote the expansion of additional offshore schools in Colombia
- Discuss the opportunities to promote and the two way flow of students and teachers between Colombia and B.C.
- Promote B.C. for High School website and its new release in Spanish

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Strategies for strengthening relationships with Colombian Education Officials in efforts to enhance the BC offshore school representation
- Increase opportunities for further education collaboration and partnerships in a range of areas, including student, faculty and staff exchange

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 22, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 22, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES:

- B.C. welcomes a closer relationship with Colombia.
- Colombia is a dynamic and vibrant country with a confident, strong people
- Increased collaboration between B.C. and Colombia will benefit both jurisdictions
- In December, B.C. signed an education-related MOU with Colombia's Ministry of Education.
- The MOU between B.C. and Colombia:
 - The MOU will:
 - Strengthen the relationship between BC and Colombia;
 - Provide opportunities to expand student and teacher mobility between jurisdictions; and
 - Enable us to learn from each other around better educational practices (e.g. curriculum).
- In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia. (See below)
- BC welcomes increased student and teacher exchanges and mobility between BC and Colombia
- B.C. Education:
 - B.C.'s education system is globally recognized for its high quality which provides students a pathway to post-secondary institutions and to the job market around the world
 - B.C. is modernizing the curriculum to focus on **core competencies** (thinking, communication, and personal and social) that support **life-long learning**.
- International Education:
 - Is a priority sector for the Government of B.C. (e.g. International Education Strategy, 2012)
 - Prepares students to engage with the world;
 - Leads to a strong economy and more understanding within communities;
 - Has grown by 56% (enrolment) in B.C. since 2012.
 - The BC for High School Website (Brochures attached as collateral) provides an overview of B.C.'s education system (available in Spanish and English).
- BC Offshore School Program:
 - The BC Offshore School Program offers access to students from around the world to B.C.'s world-class education system.
 - B.C. provides the BC Curriculum through 46 BC Certified Offshore schools to over 12,500 students world-wide.
 - B.C. is proud of the accomplishments of the BC Offshore School in Medellin, the *Colegio Canadiense*.
 - B.C. would like to expand the Offshore School Program in Colombia

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 22, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 22, 10:30 AM– 12:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES:

- Scholarships:
 - In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia.
 - The money will be split between three scholarship programs for:
 - Scholarship 1: Colombian students partial tuition (\$1,250) scholarship for study in B.C. (Total: \$5,000)
 - 2 Colombian international students entering a British Columbia public or independent school for a full-year academic program in grades 9, 10, or 11;
 - 2 Colombian international students graduating from a B.C. school (including offshore school) and attending a B.C. post-secondary institution.
 - The first intake of the scholarship will be March 31, 2018
 - Scholarship 2: B.C. school groups travelling to Colombia to study and learn on a school trip (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. school trip to Colombia
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017
 - Scholarship 3: A B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to promote school to school partnerships (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to support the development of a school-to-school partnership
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 22, 2017

COLOMBIAN ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE SCHOOLS

DATE:	March 22, 2017
TIME:	2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
LOCATION:	Gimnasio Campestre Calle 165 # 8A – 50 Phone: (57-1) 668-4400
MEETING WITH:	Mr. Juan Antonio Casas, Principal, Gimnasio Campestre Principals of Marymount School and Santa Maria School Manager of Study Union
BC DELEGATION:	Deputy Minister Dave Byng
COLOMBIAN GOV'T REPRESENTATION:	Consul General Mónica Pinzón
HOSTED BY:	Colombian Association of Private Schools
GIFT:	Mr. Juan Antonio Casas: Silk Tie Principal of Marymount School: Emily Carr Cards Principal of Santa Maria School: Emily Carr Cards Manager of Study Union: Emily Carr Cards Pins for Students
INTERPRETER:	No

NOTE: The Consul General will brief the Deputy Minister *en route* to the meeting with information on the meeting participants and agenda

PROPOSED TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

- Offshore School Program and Expansion
- The prepared Powerpoint on the Education System and the BC Offshore School Program may be used as required – See TAB 8

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Promote the expansion of additional offshore schools in Colombia
- Discuss the opportunities to promote and the two way flow of students and teachers between Colombia and B.C.
- Promote B.C. for High School website and its new release in Spanish

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Strategies for strengthening relationships with Colombian Education Officials in efforts to enhance the BC offshore school representation
- Increase opportunities for further education collaboration and partnerships in a range of areas, including student, faculty and staff exchange

KEY MESSAGES:

- B.C. welcomes a closer relationship with Colombia.
- Colombia is a dynamic and vibrant country with a confident, strong people.
- Increased collaboration between B.C. and Colombia will benefit both jurisdictions.
- In December, B.C. signed an education-related MOU with Colombia's Ministry of Education.

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 22, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 22, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES:

- The MOU between B.C. and Colombia:
 - The MOU will:
 - Strengthen the relationship between BC and Colombia;
 - Provide opportunities to expand student and teacher mobility between jurisdictions; and
 - Enable us to learn from each other around better educational practices (e.g. curriculum).
- In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia. (See below)
- BC welcomes increased student and teacher exchanges and mobility between BC and Colombia
- B.C. Education:
 - B.C.'s education system is globally recognized for its high quality which provides students a pathway to post-secondary institutions and to the job market around the world
 - B.C. is modernizing the curriculum to focus on core competencies (thinking, communication, and personal and social) that support life-long learning.
- International Education:
 - Is a priority sector for the Government of B.C. (e.g. International Education Strategy, 2012)
 - Prepares students to engage with the world;
 - Leads to a strong economy and more understanding within communities;
 - Has grown by 56% (enrolment) in B.C. since 2012.
 - The BC for High School Website (Brochures attached as collateral) provides an overview of B.C.'s education system (available in Spanish and English).
- BC Offshore School Program:
 - The BC Offshore School Program offers access to students from around the world to B.C.'s world-class education system.
 - B.C. provides the BC Curriculum through 46 BC Certified Offshore schools to over 12,500 students world-wide.
 - B.C. is proud of the accomplishments of the BC Offshore School in Medellin, the *Colegio Canadiense*.
 - B.C. would like to expand the Offshore School Program in Colombia
- Scholarships:
 - In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia.

DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 22, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 22, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES (CONT):

- Scholarships (cont.):
 - The money will be split between three scholarship programs for:
 - Scholarship 1: Colombian students partial tuition (\$1,250) scholarship for study in B.C. (Total: \$5,000)
 - 2 Colombian international students entering a British Columbia public or independent school for a full-year academic program in grades 9, 10, or 11;
 - 2 Colombian international students graduating from a B.C. school (including offshore school) and attending a B.C. post-secondary institution.
 - The first intake of the scholarship will be March 31, 2018
 - Scholarship 2: B.C. school groups travelling to Colombia to study and learn on a school trip (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. school trip to Colombia
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017
 - Scholarship 3: A B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to promote school to school partnerships (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to support the development of a school-to-school partnership
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017

**DAILY ITINERARY
MARCH 23, 2017**

MEDELLIN

**March 23, 2017 - MEDELLIN
THURSDAY**

Transportation s.22 **Cell:** s.22
s.22

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 7:45 am | s.22 to pick up delegation |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister• Consul General Monica Pinzon• Dr. Randall Martin, BCCIE• Mr. Ryan Clark, Director of Cooperation, Canadian Embassy<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Will join delegation for full day |
| 7:45 am – 9:15 am | Travel time to B.C. Certified Offshore School in la Estrella – Antioquia |
| 9:15 am – 12:15 pm | B.C. Certified Offshore School in la Estrella – Antioquia Visit/
Meeting with Owner/Operators: Mr. Gerardo Posada Cadavid
and Mr. Santiago Posada |
| | Program at School |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with Owner/Operators• Student Show• Classroom visits and meetings with students and teachers• School Assembly – Deputy Minister to present engraved painting – Key messages below |
| 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm | Lunch by B.C. Certified Offshore School at La Pola |
| 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Travel Time |

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Meeting between:

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister**
- **Mr. Luis Guillermo Patino, Secretary of Education of Medellin**
- **Consul General Monica Pinzon**
- **Mr. Ryan Clark, Director of Cooperation**
- **Mr. Federico Gutierrez, Mayor of Medellin**
- **Mr. David Restrepo Bonett, Education Secretary, Department of Antioquia**
- **Mr. Sergio Escobar, Director, Cooperation International Embassy (invited by Consul General Pinzon)**

Proposed Topics of Discussion

- **BC Colombia MOU and collaboration**
- **BC Offshore School Program**

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Travel Time

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

Visit to Soccer of the Future - Meeting with 50 disadvantaged soccer players from a very poor area.

**** Delegation will be escorted by the Police Department in bulletproof vehicle**

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister**
- **Consul General Monica Pinzon**
- **Mr. Ryan Clark, Director of Cooperation**
- **Mr. Federico Gutierrez, Mayor of Medellin**
- **CGs office arranging security for delegation (TBC)**

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

NOTES: “Soccer of the Future”

- Soccer of the Future is a non-profit program available throughout Colombia for youth aged 8-12 years who belong to at-risk or vulnerable communities.
- Goal: to improve the social environment for youth of this demographic and assist them to gain tools to becoming good citizens through sport and education.
- Program has links to a B.C. soccer not-for-profit “Free Kicks” in Vancouver, which uses soccer to inspire youth throughout the world to dream.
 - Vancouver’s Free Kicks visited Soccer of the Future and donated Equipment for kids

4:30 pm	Return to Hotel**	
6:00 pm	s.22	to pick up delegation at hotel
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner with s.22	at Il Forno Envigado Restaurant
8:00 pm	Drop off at Hotel	

s.22

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

BIOGRAPHIES OF CANADIAN TRAVEL DELEGATION

MARCH 23 – RYAN CLARK WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH THE DELEGATION ALL DAY IN MEDELLIN

Ryan Clark

Director of Cooperation

- Ryan Clark completed a BSc in Environmental Studies at the University of Guelph, then Ryan is the new Director of Cooperation at the Embassy of Canada in Colombia.
- Ryan has worked for the Government of Canada since 2008 in various positions with the former Canadian International Development Agency, the Privy Council Office, and Global Affairs Canada, on issues including food security and agricultural development, natural resource management, climate change, and development policy.
- Prior to joining the Government, Ryan worked as a management consultant for private sector and non-governmental organizations in Canada, Indonesia and Gabon.
- Ryan holds a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Edinburgh, a Masters of Environmental Science from Royal Roads University and a Bachelors (Honors) in Environmental Science from the University of Guelph



DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MARCH 23 – DR. RANDALL MARTIN WILL BE TRAVELLING WITH THE DELGATION ALL DAY IN MEDELLIN

Dr. Randall Martin

BCCIE, Executive Director

- Dr. Randall Martin has experience spanning more than 25 years in post-secondary education, development education and international education, including development work as well as more than 15 years supporting the internationalization efforts of Simon Fraser University (SFU) in Vancouver.
- He began his professional career teaching in the college sector, then moved to a university development project in Eastern and Central Indonesia, after which he returned to Canada mandated to design, build and implement international student programming for SFU.
- He assumed leadership of BCCIE in 2006. Dr. Martin has a doctorate in International Education and is an acknowledged presenter, speaker and mentor in the field.



DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING WITH COLEGIO CANADIENSE

DATE:	March 23, 2017
TIME:	9:30 am – 12:00 pm
LOCATION:	Cr 51 # 97S-137 La Estrella, Caldas, Antioquia
MEETING WITH:	Don Gerardo Posada, Superintendent s.22 Mr. Santiago Posada, Owner and Operator s.22 Mr. Rafael Posada, International Relations Coordinator s.22 Ms. Carrie Anne Corbin, BC Offshore Program Principal* Ms. Luz Eliana Arias, Curriculum Director* Students, Teachers and Parents at Colegio Canadiense * (bios attached)
BC DELEGATION:	Deputy Minister Dave Byng Dr. Randall Martin, ED, BCCIE Mr. Ryan Clark, Director of Cooperation
COLOMBIAN GOV'T REPRESENTATION:	Consul General Mónica Pinzón
HOSTED BY:	Colegio Canadiense
GIFT:	Santiago Posada: Engraved Framed Picture Gerardo Posada: Small Aboriginal Carved Spoon Rafael Posada: Silk Tie BC Pins for Students
INTERPRETER:	No

Program at Colegio Canadiense

8:45 – 9:15 am	Arrive at the School and tour Building #2
9:15 – 9:25 am	Student Presentation
9:25 – 9:50 am	Grade 9-12 Assembly in the Coliseum. Introductions, question and answer with students.
9:50 – 9:55 am	Students make presentation of gifts to Deputy Minister.
9:55– 10:05 am	Students leave the gym and parents join.
10:05 – 10:30 am	Parents Assembly. Introductions, Q&A with parents.
10:30 – 10:45 am	Deputy Minister Presentation to the School * (Painting with inscription). Presents from the School to the Deputy Minister
10:50 – 11:00 am	Final parent questions / comments

DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

PROGRAM AT COLEGIO CANADIENSE (CONT).

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 11:00 – 12:15 pm | Classroom visits and roundtables with students. |
| 12:15 – 1:00 pm | Lunch at La Pola. |

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Demonstrates a commitment to strong relationships with established offshore school partner
- Promote the expansion of additional offshore schools in Colombia

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Deliver on key aspects of British Columbia's International Education Strategy, including:
 - Achieve the *BC Jobs Plan* 5-Year Update target to increase the number of international students studying in British Columbia by 10%;
 - Promote British Columbia as a high quality education destination; and
 - Promote the two-way global flow of students and ideas between countries
- Strengthen relationship with the school's ownership group, B.C. program students and faculty
- Promote the expansion and growth of the BC. Offshore School Program in the priority South American market
- Showcase B.C.'s world-class education system and celebrate the innovative implementation of B.C.'s redesigned curriculum in the B.C. Offshore School Program
- Within 3 years, anticipated \$386,829 economic impact from increased number of students coming to B.C. on short-term study programs in K – 12 public and independent schools.
- Within 3 years, estimated \$707,820 economic impact from increased number of students choose to study at B.C. post-secondary institutions
- Within 3 years, anticipated doubling of student enrollment growth at the school and 65% increase in annual cost-recoveries

KEY MESSAGES / SPEAKING NOTES

****DEPUTY MINISTER TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO SCHOOL****
[GIFT: PAINTING WITH INSCRIPTION]

- In commemoration of the Deputy Minister's visit to the Colegio Canadiense, the Deputy Minister will present a print of a painting by the British Columbia Artist Clarence Mills
- The painting has a plaque that reads:

"On the occasion of the visit of Mr. Dave Byng B.C. Deputy Minister of Education to Colegio Canadiense, March 2017"

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES / SPEAKING NOTES (Cont.)

- Colegio Canadiense
 - B.C. is proud of the Colegio Canadiense.
 - It is a strong school and B.C. is glad it is part of the B.C. Offshore School Program.
 - The school is leading the way in forging closer ties between British Columbia and Colombia.
 - It is our hope that some of the graduates of the school will come to British Columbia's world ranked universities to study and to deepen the connection between our countries.
 - Our BC Offshore School Program Inspectors who have visited the school tell us:
 - B.C. Program teachers have demonstrated leadership and initiative in beginning to implement the redesigned curriculum.
 - The School is to be commended for its attention to ensuring that students are well grounded in their English language skills before starting the B.C. Program. There is no question that these efforts are yielding positive results in terms of student achievement in the B.C. Program.
 - Students are exposed to a rich and varied set of learning experiences.
 - Teachers in the B.C. program, B.C. prep program and the Pre-K-9 national school are all to be commended for the positive provincial exam results achieved by students. Their success is the result of the collective efforts of the entire staff of Colegio Canadiense.
 - Launching the "Teacher Talks" initiative undertaken by B.C. Program staff to foster a professional work culture of collaboration among all teachers at Colegio Canadiense.
 - The school has a 96% graduation rate.
- The MOU between B.C. and Colombia:
 - The MOU will:
 - Strengthen the relationship between BC and Colombia;
 - Provide opportunities to expand student and teacher mobility between jurisdictions; and
 - Enable us to learn from each other around better educational practices (e.g. curriculum).
- In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia. (See below)
- BC welcomes increased student and teacher exchanges and mobility between BC and Colombia
- B.C. Education:
 - B.C.'s education system is globally recognized for its high quality which provides students a pathway to post-secondary institutions and to the job market around the world
 - B.C. is modernizing the curriculum to focus on **core competencies** (thinking, communication, and personal and social) that support **life-long learning**.

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES / SPEAKING NOTES (Cont.)

- International Education:
 - Is a priority sector for the Government of B.C. (e.g. International Education Strategy, 2012)
 - Prepares students to engage with the world;
 - Leads to a strong economy and more understanding within communities;
 - Has grown by 56% (enrolment) in B.C. since 2012.
 - The BC for High School Website (Brochures attached as collateral) provides an overview of B.C.'s education system (available in Spanish and English).
- BC Offshore School Program:
 - The BC Offshore School Program offers access to students from around the world to B.C.'s world-class education system.
 - B.C. provides the BC Curriculum through 46 BC Certified Offshore schools to over 12,500 students world-wide.
 - B.C. is proud of the accomplishments of the BC Offshore School in Medellin, the *Colegio Canadiense*.
 - B.C. would like to expand the Offshore School Program in Colombia
- Scholarships:
 - In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia.
 - The money will be split between three scholarship programs for:
 - Scholarship 1: Colombian students partial tuition (\$1,250) scholarship for study in B.C. (Total: \$5,000)
 - 2 Colombian international students entering a British Columbia public or independent school for a full-year academic program in grades 9, 10, or 11;
 - 2 Colombian international students graduating from a B.C. school (including offshore school) and attending a B.C. post-secondary institution.
 - The first intake of the scholarship will be March 31, 2018
 - Scholarship 2: B.C. school groups travelling to Colombia to study and learn on a school trip (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. school trip to Colombia
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017
 - Scholarship 3: A B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to promote school to school partnerships (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to support the development of a school-to-school partnership
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Colegio Canadiense: BC Certified Offshore School

Colegio Canadiense was certified as the first B.C. Offshore School in South America in 2013. Located in a residential suburb of Medellín, Colombia, the school currently enrolls 104 students in Grades 10 – 12. Every year, *Colegio* students are encouraged to complete a semester in B.C. through long-established partnerships with B.C. school districts. There are 66 students currently studying in B.C as part of this 5-month immersion program.

Offshore School Snapshot

Offshore Schools:	46
Countries:	8
Students:	12,500
B.C. teachers:	775

<i>Colegio Canadiense</i> Profile
Enrollment: 104 students
Grades: 10 – 12
Cost-recovery: \$51,400

School Overview:

Copyright

- School name: *Colegio Canadiense*
- Location: Medellín, Antioquia Colombia (population 3.7 million)
- The educational program is strong:
 - Celebrated the inaugural B.C. graduation class in 2014/15
 - Blended curriculum model enables students to graduate with a B.C. Dogwood, a national Colombian diploma and a Cambridge Certificate of English
 - Partnership with Lower Mainland school districts for short-term study and immersion programs to ensure that students have proficient English language skills for success in the B.C. program
 - Enrollment grew by 30% in 2015/16, and the new Grade 10 cohort size doubled. There is strong interest and community support for the B.C. program.

Owner/Operator Profile:

- The school's Owner/Operator, Santiago Posada, is the Managing Director of the family-run business that also operates the large private host school. The host school enrolls more than 1,100 students and offers a preparatory English program in Grades 1 – 9.
- The Owner/Operator is supported by an experienced Offshore School Representative, Bruce Nicholson, who is also a former *Colegio Canadiense* Principal.

DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

School Profile (Cont.)

Benefit to British Columbia:

- \$51,400 annual cost-recovery in 2017/18 (104 students)
- \$120,000 potential annual cost-recovery after 5 years of projected student enrollment growth (300 students)
- Showcases the B.C. education brand in priority South American market
- Strengthen the relationship with MOU partner

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

BIOGRAPHY

Colegio Canadiense School Administration

Gerardo Posada Superintendent

- Mr. Gerardo Posada or Don Gerardo, as people refer to him, is the founder of our Educational Community and has been the School Superintendent since its opening in 2005.
- After a life dedicated to education, Don Gerardo began to give shape to his dream of creating an educational project where the global mindset and entrepreneurship were the main characters.
- Today, after 12 years of dedicated work, The Canadian School Medellin has an average of 1,100 students from approximately 850 families. Our alumni are recognized for being highly competitive, for having high academic rigor, for being ambitious entrepreneurs and for being sensitive people with strong values.

Languages: Monolingual in Spanish



DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

BIOGRAPHY

Luz Eliana Arias
Curriculum Director

- Mrs. Luz Eliana Arias has a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor's in Journalism from the University of Antioquia. She joined The Canadian School's team in 2005. She first taught in the Elementary School and later transitioned into the administrative staff holding the position of Head of the Human Resources Department.
- Her extensive experience working with the School and her passion and dedication have allowed her to become the School's current Curriculum Director.
- **Languages:** Bilingual in English & Spanish



DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

BIOGRAPHY

Santiago Posada **Administrative Director**

- Santiago Posada has been a member of The Canadian School since its foundation. At that time Mr. Posada had just graduated from high school. Once Mr. Posada completed his Bachelor of Business Administration at Universidad EAFIT and gathered enough experience, he transitioned into the position of Administrative Director.
- Mr. Posada has played an important role in the School's growth and development since its foundation.

Languages: Bilingual in English & Spanish



DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

BIOGRAPHY

Carrie Anne Corbin
BC Offshore Program Principal

- Mrs. Carrie A. Corbin joined The Canadian School in 2015 as one of the teachers in the B.C. Offshore Program. Her dedication, passion, team work skills and responsibility allowed her to be promoted as B.C. Off-shore Program Principal which is her current position.
- Before joining The Canadian School, Mrs. Corbin worked in several different schools in Calgary where she mainly taught Chemistry, Math and Science.
- Mrs. Corbin also had the opportunity to teach in 2006 at Dalian Maple Leaf International School, another B.C. Off-shore school located in the city of Dalian, North eastern China

Languages: Bilingual in English & Spanish



DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

BIOGRAPHY

Rafael Posada
International Relations Coordinator

- Mr. Rafael Posada, one of Mr. Santiago Posada's younger brothers, also joined The Canadian School when he had just graduated from high school. Since then he has supported the School's Administration holding the position of International Relations Coordinator.
- From his position he supports several departments and programs such as the Human Resources Department, the B.C. Offshore Program, the Superintendent's Office, the Administrative Director's Office and the High School Principal's Office.
- Mr. Posada is also the Manager for EduCanada, an agency that offers study programs in Canada to the Colombian public in general. EduCanada operates all study programs in Canada offered to students at The Canadian School.
- Mr. Posada is also currently completing a Bachelor of Education at Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana.



DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF EDUCATION AND MAYOR OF MEDELLIN

DATE:	March 23, 2017
TIME:	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
LOCATION:	Cl. 44 #52 - 165, Medellín, Antioquia, Despacho del Alcalde. Piso 12
MEETING WITH:	Mr. Luis Guillermo Patino, Secretary of Education Of Medellin (TBC) <i>(no bio available)</i> Mr. David Restrepo Bonett, Education Secretary from the Department of Antioquia <i>(no bio available)</i> Mr. Federico Gutierrez, Mayor of Medellin (TBC) <i>(bio attached)</i> Mr. Sergio Escobar, Executive Director of the Cooperation and Investment Agency for Medellin-ACI <i>(bio attached)</i>
BC DELEGATION:	Deputy Minister Dave Byng Dr. Randall Martin, ED, BCCIE Mr. Ryan Clark, Director of Cooperation, Canadian Embassy
COLOMBIAN GOV'T REPRESENTATION	Mónica Pinzón
HOSTED BY:	City of Medellin
GIFT:	Luis Guillermo : Silk Tie Federico Gutierrez: Silk Tie Sergio Escobar: Silk Tie David Restrepo Bonett: Silk Tie
INTERPRETER:	No

PROPOSED TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

- BC Colombia MOU and collaboration
- BC Offshore School Program

MEETING OBJECTIVES:

- Demonstrates a commitment to strong relationships with established offshore school partner
- Promote the expansion of additional offshore schools in Colombia
- Highlight the strength of BC's world class education system and international education sector as a global leader in international student per capita studying
- Discuss the high level of quality education BC has for all students

DESIRED OUTCOMES:

- Strengthen international relationships
- Increase Offshore School partnership agreements with educational institutions
- Develop regional support for increasing the number of offshore schools in the area

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES:

- Relationship with the State of Antioquia and the City of Medellin
 - B.C. is grateful to have such a strong relationship with both the State of Antioquia and the City of Medellin.
 - Given the close education ties between us, we will have an even closer relationship in the future as Colombian and British Columbian students come and go between Medellin and British Columbia.
 - B.C. is proud of the Colegio Canadiense. It is leading the way in forging closer ties between British Columbia and Colombia.
- The MOU between B.C. and Colombia:
 - The MOU will:
 - Strengthen the relationship between BC and Colombia;
 - Provide opportunities to expand student and teacher mobility between jurisdictions; and
 - Enable us to learn from each other around better educational practices (e.g. curriculum).
- In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia. (See below)
- BC welcomes increased student and teacher exchanges and mobility between BC and Colombia
- B.C. Education:
 - B.C.'s education system is globally recognized for its high quality which provides students a pathway to post-secondary institutions and to the job market around the world
 - B.C. is modernizing the curriculum to focus on **core competencies** (thinking, communication, and personal and social) that support **life-long learning**.
- International Education:
 - Is a priority sector for the Government of B.C. (e.g. International Education Strategy, 2012)
 - Prepares students to engage with the world;
 - Leads to a strong economy and more understanding within communities;
 - Has grown by 56% (enrolment) in B.C. since 2012.
 - The BC for High School Website (Brochures attached as collateral) provides an overview of B.C.'s education system (available in Spanish and English).
- BC Offshore School Program:
 - The BC Offshore School Program offers access to students from around the world to B.C.'s world-class education system.
 - B.C. provides the BC Curriculum through 46 BC Certified Offshore schools to over 12,500 students world-wide.

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

KEY MESSAGES / SPEAKING NOTES (Cont.)

- BC Offshore School Program (Cont.)
 - B.C. is proud of the accomplishments of the BC Offshore School in Medellin, the *Colegio Canadiense*.
 - B.C. would like to expand the Offshore School Program in Colombia
- Scholarships:
 - In support of the MOU with Colombia, the Ministry of Education will offer \$15,000 in scholarships to promote increased education collaboration between B.C. and Colombia.
 - The money will be split between three scholarship programs for:
 - Scholarship 1: Colombian students partial tuition (\$1,250) scholarship for study in B.C. (Total: \$5,000)
 - 2 Colombian international students entering a British Columbia public or independent school for a full-year academic program in grades 9, 10, or 11;
 - 2 Colombian international students graduating from a B.C. school (including offshore school) and attending a B.C. post-secondary institution.
 - The first intake of the scholarship will be March 31, 2018
 - Scholarship 2: B.C. school groups travelling to Colombia to study and learn on a school trip (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. school trip to Colombia
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017
 - Scholarship 3: A B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to promote school to school partnerships (\$5,000)
 - Funding sufficient to support one B.C. teacher to travel to Colombia to support the development of a school-to-school partnership
 - The first intake will be Fall 2017

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Federico Gutierrez
Mayor of Medellin 2016-2019

- Federico Gutiérrez is a civil engineer from the University of Medellin, with graduate studies in management and political science from the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana. He is the first Mayor of Medellin ever elected by a civil movement and not by a traditional political party.
- In his late twenties, he was elected councillor of Medellin for the period 2004 to 2007, where he held the position of president of the first commission. At the age of 32 he was reelected for the period 2008 to 2011 and he was chosen as president of the City Council. He received approximately 14 thousand votes; at the time, the highest number of votes obtained by a councillor in the history of Medellin.
- In 2009 he was recognized as *Outstanding Young Person of the Year* in the category of political, legal and government affairs, by the Junior Chamber of Colombia.
- After 7 and a half years as a councillor, he ran for Mayor of Medellin in 2011, with the support of a traditional political party. He received more than 120,000 votes. From 2011 to 2014 he did not hold any public charge, so he worked as a consultant in Urban Integral Security for the cities of Buenos Aires (Argentina) and Celaya (Mexico).
- In 2015, he ran for Mayor again, after constituting the civil movement “Creemos.” This word in Spanish has two senses, it either means *We believe* or *Let’s build*, both are the pillars of his mandate. The signatures of around 120 thousand citizens guaranteed his independent movement.
- He is very passionate about Medellin, and during his entire life – independently from his political career – he has walked the streets of Medellin, talking to the people, working with and for them. His description of his desired city is “secure, equitable and sustainable” and he believes that the way to achieve it is through a governance model based on civic trust.



DAILY ITINERARY
MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

BIOGRAPHY

Luis Guillermo Patiño
Secretary of Education of Medellin

- Biography not available



**DAILY ITINERARY
MARCH 23, 2017**

MEETING: MARCH 23, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

BIOGRAPHY

David Restrepo Bonett
Education Secretary Department of Antioquia

- Biography not available

DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

BIOGRAPHY

Sergio Escobar

Executive Director of the Cooperation and Investment Agency for Medellin-ACI

- Sergio Escobar studied law at the Javeriana University and is graduated from the university Jorge Tadeo Lozano in Diplomacy and International Relations. He has a specialization in Finance and European Union International Studies in Colombia and Italy, respectively.
- He also holds a Master's degree in International Law and Diplomacy from the Diplomatic Academy of Itamaraty in Brazil. During the time he trained himself and served as public officer, he learned Portuguese, Italian and English and also has basic knowledge of French.
- He has held various positions in the public sector at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia and the embassies of Colombia in Italy, Costa Rica, Brazil and Mexico.
- He has also been Director of PROEXPORT / ProColombia in Costa Rica and Mexico. In the private sector, he has been Vice President of Fedemetal in Colombia; senior partner of Candiani Mining, and advisor to several companies in Colombia.
- Former member of some corporate executive boards in Colombia, Mexico and international organizations in the United States, he has also been university professor teaching international trade and international affairs in countries like Colombia, Brazil, Mexico and the United States.
- His articles have been published by magazines and books in Brazil and Colombia.
- He has also worked as an economic, political and commercial analyst in television and radio stations such as Radio 1020, CNN in Spanish, Telemundo and Mega TV, among others.
- Currently, he is the Executive Director of the Agency for Cooperation and Investment of Medellin and the Metropolitan Area - ACI.



ACI Medellin Overview

ACI Medellin is the agency in charge of promoting international investment in Medellin. Considered the world's most innovative City in 2013 by the Citi Group and the Wall Street Journal, Medellin also hosts 8 of the 15 main companies with greater capitalization in the Colombia Stock Exchange. The GDP of Medellin represents 7% of the national GDP and is a city with a constant business, technological, cultural and social development. Recently Medellín has been laureate with

DAILY ITINERARY MARCH 23, 2017

FUTBOL PARA EL FUTURO - “SOCCER OF THE FUTURE”

DATE:	March 23, 2017
TIME:	3:45 pm – 4:45 pm
LOCATION:	TBD
MEETING WITH:	Soccer of the Future *Police Escort in Bulletproof Vehicle
BC DELEGATION:	Deputy Minister Dave Byng Dr. Randall Martin, ED, BCCIE Mr. Ryan Clark, Director of Cooperation
COLOMBIAN GOV'T REPRESENTATION	Consul General Mónica Pinzón Mr. Carlos Hernandez, Assistant Director, Soccer of the Future Director, Soccer of the Future, TBC Coach, Soccer of the Future, TBC Two civic/social leaders, TBC 50 kids
HOSTED BY:	Soccer of the Future
GIFT:	Provided by B.C.'s Professional Soccer Team, the Whitecaps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deflated soccer ball ○ Small tension squeeze balls ○ Whitecaps stickers ○ BC pins
INTERPRETER:	No

KEY MESSAGES:

- The role sport has in the development of strong and collaborative communities is critical.
- Sport and education are important tools in influencing future generations and leaders.
- Supporting relationships between government organizations and community groups is very important to world class results B.C. students have.

Soccer of the Future Background

- Soccer of the Future is a non-profit program available throughout Colombia for youth aged 8-12 years who belong to at-risk or vulnerable communities.
- Goal: to improve the social environment for youth of this demographic and assist them to gain tools to becoming good citizens through sport and education.

Program has links to a B.C. soccer not-for-profit “Free Kicks” in Vancouver, which uses soccer to inspire youth throughout



DAILY ITINERARY

MARCH 23, 2017

MEETING: MARCH 23, 3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Additional INFORMATION (Cont.)

- the world to dream.
 - Vancouver's Free Kicks visited Soccer of the Future and donated Equipment for kids
- This non-profit organization has been running for 7 years.

Top five most Famous Colombian Soccer Players	Vancouver Whitecaps Colombian Player
1.) Carlos "El Pibe" Valderrama 2.) Willington Ortiz 3.) Freddy Rincon 4.) Faustino "El Tino" Asprilla 5.) Radamel "El Tigre" Falcao	1) Freddy Montero (Barranguilla, Colombia) Position: Forward

**DAILY ITINERARY
MARCH 24, 2017**

MEDELLIN

March 24, 2017 - MEDELLIN

Friday

All Day

Private Program

s.22

I will provide transportation and pick up at hotel at
time to be determined and communicated to s.22 by Deputy Minister

END OF PROGRAM

DAILY ITINERARY
MARCH 25, 2017

MEDELLIN

March 25, 2017 - MEDELLIN

Saturday

All Day

Private Program

**DAILY ITINERARY
MARCH 26, 2017**

MEDELLIN / CARTAGENA

March 26, 2017 - MEDELLIN

Sunday

7:00 am

Travel to Medellin Airport

9:43 am – 10:50 am

Flight to Cartagena (*Booked*)

Medellin-Cartagena March 26, 2017	Avianca Flight # AV9386 departs @ 9:43 am
Time: 1 hr 7 minutes	Arrives Cartagena @ 10:50 am

s.22

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Travel to Hotel

Cartagena Accommodation Confirmed (March 26 – April 2, 2017)

- s.22
-

NOTE: Two reservations are made in Cartagena at the same hotel, as outlined above.

Page 105

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.22

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

Key Contacts in Colombia:

Victoria Eugenia Gomez, Advisor
Cooperation and International Affairs Office,
Colombia Ministry of Education
Consul General Monica Pinzon
s.22

Cell s.22

Cell: s.22
Cell:

Day	Location	Overview	Notes
March 16	Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly from Victoria to Toronto 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booked
March 17	Toronto-Bogota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly from Toronto to Bogota Check into hotel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booked s.22 Transportation Company to pick up Mr. and Mrs. Byng from airport and take to hotel
March 18 –19	Bogota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s.22 Transporation required
March 20	Bogota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Program Dinner with Delagates from Canadian Emabassy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s.22 CG Pinzon and s.22 will walk with Deputy to Dinner (5 blocks)
March 21	Bogota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with Colombian Minsitry of Education Roundtable with Colombian Chamber of Commerce Dinner with Consul General anc s.2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s.22 Car and Driver booked from 9:00am – 9:00pm
March 22	Bogota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with Canadian Embassy Visiting Private and Public Schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Car and Driver booked from 7:00am – drop off at airport
March 22	Medellin-Cartagena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly to from Bogota to Medellin Check into Htel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booked s.22
March 23	Medellin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit Colegio Canadiese Meeting with education represenatatives from Medellin Visit Soccer of the Future Dinner with s.22 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s.22 s.22 transportation Cell: s.22 to provide
March 24 - 25	Medellin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> s.22 Transporation provided by s.22
March 26	Medellin - Cartagena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly from Medellin to Cartagena Check into Hotel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booked s.22
March 26 – April 1	Cartagena	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private Program 	
April 2-3	Cartagena to Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fly to from Cartagena to Bogota Fly from Bogota to Toronto Fly from Toronto to Vancouver Fly from Vancouver to Victoria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Booked by DM Byng Booked by DM Byng Booked by DM Byng Booked by DM Byng

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

March 16, 2017 - VICTORIA – VANCOUVER – TORONTO

Thursday

8:15 pm	Depart Victoria International Airport on AC Flight 8080
8:41 pm	Arrive Vancouver International Airport
10:05 pm	Depart Vancouver International Airport on AC Flight 156

March 17, 2017 - TORONTO – BOGOTA

Friday

Driver ^{s.22} vehicle Honda CR v model 2015
Cell number ^{s.22}
Transportation Company Owner – Daniel Gonzales
Phone: ^{s.22}

5:23 am	Arrive Pearson International Airport
8:15 am	Depart Pearson International Airport on AC Flight 1944
1:10 pm	Arrive El Dorado International Airport
1:10 pm	Arrive Bogota

Transporation from El Dorado International Airport to Hotel

- ^{s.22} Driver and Daniel Gonzalez (Owner) will pick up the Deputy Minister and Mrs. Byng at the airport and drive them to the hotel ^{s.22} (cost is \$18.00 US).
- Nestor Suarez, Colombia Ministry of Education, will be waiting at the airport with a “Welcome Mr. and Mrs. Byng” sign
 - Cell: ^{s.22}

Friday PM	Private Program
-----------	-----------------

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

Accommodation

s.22

Note: Bogota's elevation is 8,675 feet /2,644m; altitude acclimation typically takes 1 – 2 days

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

March 18 - 19, 2017 - BOGOTA
Saturday and Sunday

Saturday **Private Program**

Sunday **Private Program**

Transportation

Private transportation for March 18 - 20 has been booked for 8 hours per day. The cost is \$120 USD per day, (taxes included) for a total of \$360 USD.

Note: The Driver will meet Mr. and Mrs. Byng at the hotel at 9:00 am on Saturday, March 18th. Times for pickup will be discussed between Mr. and Mrs. Byng, and the driver, for Sunday and Monday. The driver does speak some English.

Driver: s.22
Phone:
Car: Honda CRV

Daniel Gonzalez, Transport Services:
Phone: s.22
Phone:
Email:

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

March 20, 2017 - BOGOTA

Monday

NATIONAL HOLIDAY – SAINT JOSEPH’S DAY

All Day

Private Program

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Consul General Pinzon and^{s.22} to pick up the Deputy Minister Byng from the hotel (*five block walk*)

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Dinner at the Restaurant

- **Nicolas Cloutier will conduct briefing for Deputy Minister**

Club Colombia Restaurante

Av 82 # 9-11

+57 (1) 321-0704

Reservation has been made for 7:00 pm

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister**
- **Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General**
 - * **Gifts will be given to Embassy staff at formal meetings**

Canadian Embassy

- **Mr. Nicolas Cloutier, Charge D’Affaires, Counsellor and Consul (highest ranking official)**
- **Ms. Brenda Wills, Senior Trade Commissioner**
- **Ms. Magali Boffet, Trade Commissioner**

- **Dr. Randall Martin, Executive Director
British Columbia Council for International Education**

*** Suitcase with protocol gifts will be carried to Colombia by Randall Martin, BCCIE, and delivered to the Deputy Minister at the hotel on March 20, prior to the dinner.**

**** BCCIE will host the dinner**

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

March 21, 2017 - BOGOTA
Tuesday

Meetings with Colombian Ministry of Education

Driver - ^{s.22} vehicle Honda CR v model 2015
Cell number ^{s.22}
Transportation Company Owner – Daniel Gonzales
Phone: ^{s.22}

Car and driver (booked) will provide all transportation for the delegation from 9:00 am to 9:00pm (pick up and drop off at hotel)

10:00 am – 11:00 am (DM)	Travel to meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consul General Monica Pinzon will meet DM Byng at the hotel at 9:45 am and accompany him to all meetings
-------------------------------------	---

11:00 am – 11:45 am (DM)	Meeting between: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister• Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General• Ms. Luz Amparo Medina, Head of the Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Ministry of Education
-------------------------------------	--

Proposed Topics of Discussion

- **BC Colombia MOU and MOU Workplan (high level)**
- **International Education in BC and Colombia**
- **BC International Education Strategy**
- **Announcement of new B.C. International Education Scholarships for Colombia**

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (DM)	Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colombian Ministry of Education will host lunch at a nearby restaurant*
------------------------------------	---

***Ms. Yaneth Cristina Ciha Tovar, Minister of Education may attend if available**

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

MEETINGS: MARCH 21, 2017

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
(DM)

Meeting between:

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister**
- **Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General**
- **Mr. Pablo Jaramillo, Deputy Minister of Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education**
- **Ms. Yaneth Cristina Ciha Tovar, Minister of Education may attend if available**

Proposed Topics of Discussion

- **BC Colombia MOU**
- **BC Education System, including**
 - **Education Modernization and Curriculum Reform**
 - **BC Offshore School Program in Colombia**
- **Colombia Education System**
- **Bilingual Programs in Colombian Schools (Colombia Proposed)**
- **Announcement of new B.C. International Education Scholarships for Colombia**

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
(DM)

Meeting between:

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister**
- **Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General**
- **Ms. Paola Trujillo Pulido, Director of Quality for Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education**

Proposed Topics of Discussion

- **BC Offshore School Program Quality Assurance and Inspections**
- **BC Framework for Enhanced Student Learning**
- **Colombian Quality Assurance Mechanisms**

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

MEETINGS: MARCH 21, 2017

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Roundtable with Colombian Canadian Chamber of Commerce
Address: Calle 99 No 9 A – 45 Oficina 403 A

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister**
- **Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General**
- **Ms. Yasmin Sabbag, Council President**
- **Note: The Chamber will invite members from private and public universities**
 - **Contact Person: Katherine Toro Toro – Phone 6367260 Ext 205 Cell phone: s.22**

Proposed Topics of Discussion

- **BC Colombia MOU**
- **BC – Colombia Trade**
- **BC Offshore School Program**

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Travel to Restaurant (car and driver)

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Private Dinner

- **Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister and Mrs. Cheryl Byng**
- **Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General and s.22**
- **Consul General recommends a restaurant in the vicinity of Parque de la 93**

Notes:

All meetings from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM are to take place at the Ministry of Education

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

March 22, 2017 – BOGOTA

Wednesday

Driver - ^{s.22} : vehicle Honda CR v model 2015
Cell number ^{s.22}
Transportation Company Owner – Daniel Gonzales
Phone: ^{s.22}

Car and driver (booked) will provide all transportation for the delegation from 7:00 am to drop off at airport (pick up at hotel and drop off at airport)

7:15 am	Check out of hotel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consul General Monica Pinzon will meet DM Byng at 7:15 am and accompany him to all meetings
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Travel to Meeting at Canadian Embassy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Address: Cra. 7 #114-33, Bogotá, Colombia
8:30 am – 9:30 am	Meeting between: Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General <u>Canadian Embassy</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Brenda Wills, Senior Trade Commissioner• Ms. Magali Boffet, Trade Commissioner Embassy of Canada in Colombia Embassy of Canada Ambassade du Canada Carrera 7 No. 114-33 Piso 14, Bogotá, D.C. - Colombia Place: Meeting Room #1011 (Level 10)
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Travel to next meeting; Consul General to brief DM on schools

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

MEETINGS: MARCH 22, 2017

10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Public School Visit La Estrellita German Lisandro Maldonado Díaz, Principal Carrera 4 # 187B-37 A member of the Education Secretariat will be part of the visit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister• Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General• Deputy Minister to make 10 minute speech at 10:45 am
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	<p>Private Lunch (in vicinity)</p>
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	<p>Travel to Next Meeting – Consul General to brief Deputy Minister in Car</p>
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p>Meeting with Colombian Association of Private Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister• Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General• Mr. Juan Antonio Casas, Principal, Gimnasio Campestre• Principals of Marymount School and Santa Maria School• Manager of Study Union <p>Private School Visit: Gimnasio Campestre <i>Address: Calle 165 NO. 8A – 50</i> <i>Phone: 57 (1) 668 4400</i></p> <p>Proposed Topic of Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offshore School Program and Expansion

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

MEETINGS: MARCH 22, 2017

4:30 pm -5:00 pm

Travel to Airport

7:35 pm

Flight to Medellin (*confirmed*)

****Consul General Pinzon will be travelling on same flight***

Bogota-Medellin March 22, 2017	Avianca Flight # AV9326 departs @ 7:35 pm
Time: 59 minutes	Arrives Medellin @ 8:34 pm

s.22

8:34 pm

Airport Pick-up by s.22

Owners/Operators

B.C. Certified Offshore School in la Estrella –Antioquia

Transportation Contact: s.22

Cell: s.22

s.22

Accommodation

- Recommended by Consul General:
 - s.22

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

March 23, 2017 - MEDELLIN

Thursday

Transportation Contact: s.22
s.22

Cell: s.22

7:45 am	s.22 to pick up delegation at hotel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister• Consul General Monica Pinzon• Dr. Randall Martin, BCCIE• Mr. Ryan Clark, Director of Cooperation, Canadian Embassy<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Will join delegation for full day
7:45 am – 9:15 am	Travel time to B.C. Certified Offshore School in la Estrella – Antioquia
9:15 am – 12:15 pm	B.C. Certified Offshore School in la Estrella – Antioquia Visit/ Meeting with Owner Operator Mr. Gerardo Posada Cadavid and Mr. Santiago Posada <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meetings with owners, students, and parents• See detailed itinerary for program
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch by B.C. Certified Offshore School at La Pola
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Travel Time

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

MEETINGS: MARCH 23, 2017

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Meeting between:

- Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister
- Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General
- Mr. Luis Guillermo Patino, Secretary of Education of Medellin
- Mr. Ryan Clark, Director of Cooperation, Canadian Embassy
- Mr. Federico Gutierrez, Mayor of Medellin
- Mr. David Restrepo Bonett, Education Secretary, Department of Antioquia
- Mr. Sergio Escobar, Director, Cooperation International Embassy (invited by Consul General Pinzon)

Proposed Topics of Discussion

- BC Colombia MOU and collaboration
- BC Offshore School Program

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Travel Time

3:45 pm – 4:45 pm

Visit to Soccer of the Future - Meeting with 50 disadvantaged soccer players from a very poor area.

**** Delegation will be escorted by the Police Department in bulletproof vehicle**

- Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister
- Ms. Monica Pinzon, Consul General
- Mr. Ryan Clark, Director of Cooperation, Canadian Embassy
- Mr. Carlos Hernandez, Assistant Director, Soccer of the Future
- Director, Soccer of the Future, TBC
- Coach, Soccer of the Future, TBC
- Two civic/social leaders, TBC

NOTES: "Soccer of the Future"

- Soccer of the Future is a non-profit program available throughout Colombia for youth aged 8-12 years who belong to at-risk or vulnerable communities.
- Goal: to improve the social environment for youth of this demographic and assist them to gain tools to becoming good citizens through sport and education.

ITINERARY OVERVIEW

ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

- Program has links to a B.C. soccer not-for-profit “Free Kicks” in Vancouver, which uses soccer to inspire youth throughout the world to dream.
 - Vancouver’s Free Kicks visited Soccer of the Future and donated Equipment for kids

MEETINGS: MARCH 23, 2017

4:30 pm	Return to Hotel**
6:00 pm	s.22 to pick up delegation at hotel
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner with s.22 at Il Forno Envidado Restaurant
8:00 pm	Drop Deputy Minister Byng off at Hotel

s.22

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

March 24, 2017 - MEDELLIN
Friday

All Day

Private Program

END OF PROGRAM

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

March 25, 2017 – MEDELLIN
Saturday

All Day

Private Program

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

March 26, 2017 – MEDELLIN - CARTAGENA

Sunday

7:00 am **Travel to Medellin Airport**

9:43 am – 10:50 am **Flight to Cartagena (*confirmed*)**

Medellin-Cartagena March 26, 2017	Avianca Flight # AV9386 departs @ 9:43 am
Time: 1 hr 7 minutes	Arrives Cartagena @ 10:50 am

s.22

11:00 am – 1:00 pm **Travel to Hotel**

Cartagena Accommodation Confirmed (March 26 – April 2, 2017)

s.22

NOTE: Two hotel reservations are made in Cartagena at the same hotel, as outlined above.

ITINERARY OVERVIEW
ITINERARY MARCH 16 - 26, 2017

April 2-3, 2017 CARTAGENA – BOGOTA – TORTONO – VANCOUVER - VICTORIA
Sunday

April 2, 2017

7:00 am

Travel to Cartagena Airport

9:29 am – 10:58 am

Flight to Bogota

Cartagena - Bogota April 2, 2017	Avianca Flight # AV9541 departs @ 9:29 am
Time: 1 hr 29 minutes	Arrives Bogota @ 10:58 am

2:30 pm – 9:40 pm

Flight from Bogota to Toronto

Bogota - Toronto April 2, 2017	AC Flight # 1945 departs @ 2:30 pm
Time: 6 hrs 10 minutes	Arrives Toronto @ 9:58 pm

10:55 pm – 12:56 am

Flight from Toronto to Vancouver

Toronto - Vancouver April 2, 2017	AC Flight # 515 departs @ 10:55 pm
Time: 5 hrs 1 minute	Arrives Vancouver @ 12:56 am April 3

April 3, 2017

9:00 am – 9:29 am

Flight from Vancouver - Victoria

Vancouver - Victoria April 2, 2017	AC Flight # 8059 departs @ 9:00 am
Time: 29 minutes	Arrives Vancouver @ 9:29 am April 3

Map of Colombia

Copyright



Map of South America

Copyright





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

(hereafter called "the Memorandum")

between

**THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH
COLUMBIA OF CANADA**

(hereafter called "British Columbia")

and

THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION OF COLOMBIA

(hereafter called "Colombia" – hereafter referred to as the "Participants")

The Ministry of Education of the Province of British Columbia of Canada, in this Memorandum represented by Mr. Dave Byng, Deputy Minister of Education, and the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Colombia, represented herein by the Minister of National Education, Ms. Yaneth Giha Tovar, of legal age, domiciled in Bogota, identified with ID No. 52.419.469, as the Minister of Education, appointed by Decree No. 1841 of November 15, 2016, duly appointed and entitled to contract pursuant to the regulation in force and applicable, hereinafter referred to jointly as the Participants,

Considering

- a) the strong cultural ties between the Province of British Columbia, Canada and the Republic of Colombia;
- b) the importance of forging strong reciprocal relationships in support of jobs, trade and economic growth between the Participants;
- c) that multicultural and multilingual education is a powerful means of fostering understanding and solidarity between peoples;
- d) that multicultural and multilingual education, in addition to preserving cultural identity, is also a means of cultural enrichment for the cooperation between the Participants;
- e) that this is the first Memorandum of Understanding between both Participants;
- f) the Participants strive for cooperation and promotion of cultural values and a better mutual understanding between their citizens;



Have come to the following understanding:

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1.1 The Participants have established that the main objective under this Memorandum of Understanding is to promote educational collaboration between the two Participants, increasing mobility processes of teachers, students, and education experts, in order to:

- a) Promote relationships between citizens of the Province of British Columbia and the Republic of Colombia that enhance opportunities for intercultural collaboration;
- b) Foster knowledge and appreciation of their respective cultures;
- c) Enrich the Participants' educational communities by exposure to each other's educational processes, theories and practices, including pedagogy, curriculum development, design, and assessment; and
- d) Encourage professional growth opportunities for educators and administrators of the Province of British Columbia and the Republic of Colombia.

1.2. All plans, programs and activities under this Memorandum of Understanding will promote high academic standards.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Participants will explore cooperative activities in the following areas:

2.1. Visiting Teachers

- a) Participants will work to collaborate on the promotion of opportunities for educators to practice or study in the other Participant's schools and learning institutions, professional development and programs of study offered by British Columbia Boards of Education and BC Certified Offshore Schools in the Republic of Colombia.
- b) It is acknowledged that Participants are responsible for setting professional certification requirements within their jurisdictions and that a visiting teacher must meet the certification requirements of the respective jurisdiction in order to be eligible to practice in Colombia or in the Province of British Columbia.



2.2. Student Mobility

- a) Participants will collaborate on the promotion of opportunities for high school students to study in the other Participant's schools and learning institutions, providing, introductions to school districts and individual schools where appropriate.

2.3. BC Certified Offshore School(s) in Colombia

- a) The Ministry of Education of the Province of British Columbia of Canada will encourage any BC certified offshore schools operating in the Republic of Colombia to share best practices and other educational information with other Colombian schools and educators in the region.

2.4. High School Student Exchanges

- a) The Participants will explore the development or promotion of academic mobility schemes, including
 - i. Short term student and educator exchanges,
 - ii. Cooperative relations between Colombian and BC educational institutions,between their jurisdictions, promoting opportunities for collaboration between schools, school districts, and governments where appropriate.

2.5. Knowledge Exchange

- a) The Participants will seek to provide knowledge and expertise to the other jurisdiction in order to facilitate successful implementation of joint cooperation opportunities.
- b) The Participants will explore opportunities to promote understanding of their respective education systems, by means of one or more of the following: joint seminars, symposiums, conferences, and workshops.
- c) The Participants may facilitate visits from government officials and/or scholars from the other jurisdiction with the purpose of learning about the experience that each Participant is offering. The costs of these visits will be considered according to the content of the Part 5.1 of this Memorandum of Understanding.



3. IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION

- 3.1 Participants will each designate a representative for the coordination and efficient management of activities under this Memorandum of Understanding, and advise the other Participant within one (1) month of the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding who that contact person will be.
- 3.2 The Participants will develop a work plan of cooperative educational activities through their representatives within three (3) months of the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- 3.3 The Participants' representatives will meet annually in person or through technology to jointly develop an annual report for their respective governments on the progress made under this Memorandum of Understanding.

4. DURATION

- 4.1 This Memorandum of Understanding will take effect on the date of its last signature by the Participants and will remain valid for four (4) years after which will automatically be renewed for one-year periods, to a maximum of eight (8) years.
- 4.2 The Participants may amend this Memorandum of Understanding upon mutual written consent.
- 4.3 The Participants may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by giving six (6) months written notice to the other Participant.

5. COSTS

- 5.1 Unless they mutually decide otherwise in writing, the Participants will bear their own costs resulting from their participation in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Ministry of Education
Province of British Columbia Canada



Ministry of National Education of the
Republic of Colombia



6. OTHER

- 6.1 This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to create any binding legal obligations between the Participants.

Signed in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, in the English and Spanish languages, each version being equally valid.

**Representing the Government of British
Columbia**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Byng", written over a horizontal line.

Dave Byng
Deputy Minister of Education
Date: December 14, 2016

**Representing the Ministry of National
Education, of the Republic of Colombia**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yaneth Giha Tovar", written over a horizontal line.

Yaneth Giha Tovar
Minister of National Education
Date: December 28, 2016

Witnessed by the Colombian Embassy in Canada, as represented by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicolás Lloreda Ricaurte", written over a horizontal line.

Nicolás Lloreda Ricaurte
Ambassador of Colombia in Canada
Date: December 14, 2016



MEMORANDO DE ENTENDIMIENTO

Entre

EL MINISTERIO DE EDUCACIÓN NACIONAL DE COLOMBIA

Y

**EL MINISTERIO DE EDUCACIÓN DE LA PROVINCIA DE
COLUMBIA BRITÁNICA DE CANADÁ**

El Ministerio de Educación Nacional de la República de Colombia, en este acto representado por la Ministra de Educación Nacional, Yaneth Giha Tovar, mayor de edad, domiciliada en Bogotá, identificada con la cédula de ciudadanía Número 52.419.469, en su calidad de Ministra de Educación, nombrada mediante Decreto No. 1841 del 15 de noviembre de 2016, debidamente posesionada y facultada para contratar de conformidad con las normas vigentes en la materia y quien en adelante, para los efectos del presente documento, se denominará **EL MINISTERIO** y el Ministerio de Educación de La Provincia de Columbia Británica de Canadá en este acto representado por el Viceministro de Educación, Dave Byng en adelante referidos como las Partes.

Considerando

- a) Los fuertes lazos culturales entre Colombia y la Provincia de Columbia Británica, Canadá;
- b) La importancia de forjar relaciones recíprocas y sólidas que fomenten el empleo, el comercio y el crecimiento económico entre las partes;
- c) Que la educación multicultural y multilingüe es un importante medio para fomentar la comprensión y la solidaridad entre pueblos;
- d) Que, además de preservar la identidad cultural, la educación multicultural y multilingüe es también un medio de enriquecimiento cultural entre las partes;



- e) Que este es el primer Memorando de Entendimiento entre las Partes;
- f) Que las Partes buscan promover la cooperación y promoción de valores culturales y un mejor entendimiento mutuo entre sus ciudadanos;

Las Partes han acordado lo siguiente:

1. PRINCIPIOS GENERALES

1.1 Colombia y Columbia Británica han establecido que el objetivo principal de este Memorando es promover la cooperación educativa entre las Partes, incrementando los procesos de movilidad de profesores, estudiantes, y expertos en educación, con el fin de:

- a) Promover relaciones entre los ciudadanos de la Provincia de Columbia Británica y Colombia, que mejoren las oportunidades de cooperación intercultural.
- b) Fomentar el conocimiento y la apreciación de sus respectivas culturas.
- c) Enriquecer las comunidades educativas de las Partes mediante la exposición recíproca de procesos educativos, teoría y práctica, incluyendo la pedagogía, el diseño y desarrollo curricular, y la evaluación.
- d) Promover las oportunidades de crecimiento profesional para educadores y administrativos de la Provincia de Columbia Británica y de Colombia.

1.2. Todos los planes y programas bajo este Memorando promoverán niveles académicos altos.

2. ÁREAS DE COOPERACIÓN

Las actividades de cooperación entre las Partes se implementarán en las siguientes áreas:

2.1. Profesores visitantes

- a) Las Partes cooperarán para promover oportunidades para que los educadores practiquen o estudien en colegios e instituciones educativas del otro Participante, incluyendo programas de desarrollo profesional y programas de estudio ofrecidos por los Consejos de Educación de la Provincia de Columbia Británica y los Colegios Certificados en el Exterior de la Provincia de Columbia Británica en Colombia.



- b) Se reconoce que las Partes son las competentes para establecer los requisitos de certificación profesional dentro de sus jurisdicciones, y que un profesor visitante debe cumplir con esos requisitos de certificación en su respectiva jurisdicción con el fin de ser habilitado para ejercer en Colombia o en la Provincia de Columbia Británica

2.2. Movilidad de estudiantes

- a) Las Partes promoverán oportunidades para que los estudiantes de educación básica secundaria y media estudien en colegios e instituciones educativas de la otra Parte, proporcionando cuando se requiera presentaciones a distritos escolares en la Provincia de Columbia Británica y escuelas individuales en Colombia.

2.3. Colegios Certificados en el Exterior por la Provincia de Columbia Británica en Colombia

- a) El Ministerio de Educación de la Provincia de Columbia Británica de Canadá promoverá que cualquier colegio certificado por la Provincia de Columbia Británica asesore a otros colegios colombianos y a educadores en la región, y que sirva como soporte para futuros Colegios Certificados por la Provincia Columbia Británica en Colombia.

2.4. Intercambios de Estudiantes de Básica Secundaria y Media

- a) Las Partes explorarán el desarrollo o la promoción de los programas de movilidad académica, incluyendo
 - i. Intercambios de estudiantes y profesores de Básica Secundaria y Media
 - ii. Relaciones de Cooperación entre Instituciones Colombianas e Instituciones de la Provincia de Columbia Británica

entre sus jurisdicciones, promoviendo oportunidades para la cooperación entre colegios, escuelas distritales, y el Gobierno de ser apropiado.

2.5. Intercambio de conocimiento

- a) Las Partes buscarán proporcionar conocimiento y experiencia a la otra Parte con el fin de facilitar la implementación efectiva de oportunidades de cooperación conjunta.



- b) Las Partes explorarán oportunidades para promover el entendimiento de su sistema educativo, mediante uno o más de los siguientes medios: seminarios conjuntos, simposios, conferencias, y talleres.
- c) Las Partes podrán facilitar visitas de funcionarios del gobierno y/o académicos, con el propósito de conocer las experiencias exitosas de Colombia y la Provincia de Columbia Británica. Los costos de estas visitas se considerarán de acuerdo con el contenido del Art. 5.1 del presente Memorando de Entendimiento.

3. IMPLEMENTACIÓN Y EVALUACIÓN

- 3.1 Las Partes designarán un representante para la coordinación y la gestión eficiente de las actividades bajo este memorando de entendimiento y asesorarán a la otra Parte para que dentro del mes siguiente de la firma del presente memorando de entendimiento se designe una persona de contacto.
- 3.2 Las Partes desarrollarán un plan de trabajo de actividades educativas de cooperación a través de sus representantes dentro de los tres (3) meses siguientes de la firma de este memorando de entendimiento.
- 3.3 Los representantes de cada parte se reunirán anualmente en persona o por medio de la tecnología para elaborar conjuntamente un informe anual para sus respectivos gobiernos sobre los progresos realizados en virtud de este memorando de entendimiento.

4. DURACIÓN

- 4.1 Este Memorando surtirá efectos a partir de la fecha de la última firma de las Partes y será válido por cuatro (4) años después de los cuales será automáticamente renovado por periodos de un año, hasta un máximo de ocho (8) años.
- 4.2 Las Partes podrán modificar el presente Memorando de mutuo consentimiento por escrito.
- 4.3 Las Partes podrán dar por terminado el presente Memorando en cualquier momento, con seis (6) meses de antelación y comunicándoselo a la otra Parte por medio escrito.



5. COSTOS

5.1 Las Partes asumirán los gastos resultantes de su participación en el presente Memorando, salvo pacto en contrario por escrito.

6. OTROS

6.1 Este acuerdo no pretende crear obligación legal entre la Provincia de Columbia Británica y Colombia.

Firmado en duplicado en Victoria, Columbia Británica de Canadá en los idiomas Inglés y Español, cada versión igualmente válida.

Por el Ministerio de Educación Nacional de
Colombia

Por el Ministerio de Educación de la
Provincia de Columbia Británica de Canadá

Yaneth Giha Tovar
Ministra de Educación de Colombia

Fecha: Diciembre 28, 2016

Dave Byng
Viceministro de Educación

Fecha: Diciembre 14, 2016

Como testigo la Embajada de Colombia en Canadá representada por

Nicolás Lloreda Ricaurte
Embajador de Colombia en Canadá
Fecha: Diciembre 14, 2016

Memorandum of Understanding Annual Work Plan 2016/17

British Columbia Ministry of Education

&

the Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Colombia

MOU Name: B.C.-Colombia MOU
Date of MOU Signing: December 28, 2016
MOU Duration: 4 years + 1 year extensions to a maximum of 8 years
Purpose of Work Plan: Establish MOU implementation actions and timelines
Work Plan Duration: 1 year- December 2016 – December 2017

Lead Contact Information:
UPDATED: May 26, 2016

Organization	Contact Name	Position	Email	Phone
Ministry of National Education of the Republic of Colombia	TBD (staff level)		[ICDE1]	
Consulate General of the Republic of Colombia	Ms. Monica Pinzon Bueno	Consul General	Monica.Pinzon@cancilleria-gov.co	(604) 558-1775
B.C. Ministry of Education	Ms. Chrysstena Isaac	Senior Analyst	Chrysstena.Isaac@gov.bc.ca	(250) 514-6653

Action Areas

Area of Cooperation Identified in the MOU	Action	Outcomes	Status
Information Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide details of the collaboration on the Ministry of Education website and provide links to the Colombian Ministry of Education website 	Promotion of the collaboration between B.C. and Colombia	Ongoing
Information Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share information with Colombian partners on collaborative activities between the jurisdictions that have taken place since the signing of the MOU. 	Exchange records of collaborative activities	Ongoing
Information Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage and support the two-way flow of delegation visits between B.C. and Colombia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the possibility of a Colombian delegation attending the British Columbia Council for International Education's 2017 Summer Seminar Explore the possibility of a B.C. Mission to Colombia in 2017/18 	Strengthened relationships and increased information exchange between B.C. and Colombia	Ongoing
School to School Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the possibility of hosting an information session in B.C. for B.C. School Districts, Independent schools and Post-Secondary institutions promoting the aims of the MOU 	Provide opportunities for districts and schools to come together with MOU partners and encourage setting up school to school partnerships between Colombia and B.C.	Ongoing
Student Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore opportunities to include Colombia as an eligible location for outbound B.C. student mobility programs 	Increased opportunities for student mobility between B.C. and Colombia (# of students to be tracked who receive scholarships)	Ongoing
Student Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote information on existing scholarships and opportunities for students interested in exchanges with or study in Colombia 	Increased opportunities for student mobility between B.C. and Colombia	
Student Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore the possibilities for working collaboratively with school districts and the Colombian Consulate in Vancouver to promote short term student exchanges and summer camps that Colombian students could participate in. 	Increased opportunities for student mobility between B.C. and Colombia	

Area of Cooperation Identified in the MOU	Action	Outcomes	Status
Teacher Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore opportunities to include Colombia as an eligible location for outbound B.C. teacher mobility programs • Identify other opportunities for teacher mobility 	Increased teacher mobility between B.C. and Colombia	Ongoing
B.C. Offshore School(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the possibility of expanding B.C. Offshore School Program in Colombia. • Provide support to parties from Colombia who are interested in applying to become a B.C. Certified Offshore School 	Increased education cooperation between B.C. and Colombia, as appropriate	Ongoing

Columbia MOU Status Report

Country	Foreign MOU Partner	B.C. Lead Signatory	Sector	Signed D -M - Y	Expiry D-M-Y	MOU topics	Completed Actions	Next Steps
Colombia	Ministry of National Education of Colombia	EDUC Deputy Minister	K-12	14/12/2016	14/12/2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student mobility Teacher mobility B.C. Offshore School Program recognition Information exchange 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicated the Colombia MOU to all school districts with International Education Programs through the sector wide Pathways workshop (December 2016) and through quarterly updates with BCCIE, IPSEA, and AVED. Sent EDUC's draft work plan to Colombia Consul General for review (February 2017) Launched international student orientation website (December 2016) Translated education modernization support materials (2 brochures and 1 video) into Spanish and posted to EDUC's website 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Translate student orientation website into Spanish (March 2017) with Deputy Minister introductory letter to Consul General Schedule Quarterly MOU implementation calls between Colombian CG and EDUC ADM. Schedule twice-annual Latin American Consular Corps meetings and promote international student recruitment and offshore school expansion using Colombia model Work with BCCIE to promote the MOU and Offshore school program on their upcoming mission to Colombia (May) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> opportunity to target new Colombian offshore school owners Ministry to develop a webpage promoting the Colombia MOU and reporting out on outcomes (March 2017) Host workshop promoting MOU and school partnerships for B.C. K-12 and post-secondary institutions (June 2017); target 3 school partnerships Colombia will be included in the next intake of BC Student and Teacher Scholarships (applications open October 2017) Create 2 tuition scholarships (\$1,250) for K-12 Latin American international students entering full-year B.C. K-12 study programs and 2 for BC graduates entering B.C. post-secondary Work with IPSEA on proposed recruiting in Colombia (Dec 2017)

Colombia Country Profile



PROFILE

- **Capital:** Bogotá
- **Population (millions):** 47.7
- **Total area:** 1,109,500 km²
- **Language:** Spanish
- **Government:** Republic
- **Head of State and Government:** President Juan Manuel Santos
- **Currency:** \$1 CAD = 2,120 Colombian Pesos (COP) (2015 annual average)

Economic Information (2015)

- **GDP (billion):** 374.48
- **GDP per capita (\$):** 7,768
- **GDP growth (%):** 3.083
- **Inflation (%):** 4.99
- **Unemployment (%):** 8.9
- **Key Sectors of Opportunity:** Agrifoods, Information and Communications Technologies, International Education, Mining, Oil & Gas Services



COLOMBIA OVERVIEW

- Colombia is the fourth largest economy in Latin America, after Brazil, Mexico and Argentina.
- It has the third largest population in the region and 68% of Colombians are 15-64 years.
- Colombia is one of the world's most biologically diverse countries. Approximately 58 percent of the country is covered by natural forest.
- Petroleum products are Colombia's largest exports, followed by coal and coffee.
- Colombia has the second largest coal reserves in Latin America behind Brazil, and it is a major world source of emeralds, providing more than half the world supply.
- On November 30, 2016, Colombia's Congress ratified a peace accord with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), ending more than five decades of war. Disarmament will take place under United Nations watch.

RELATIONSHIP OVERVIEW

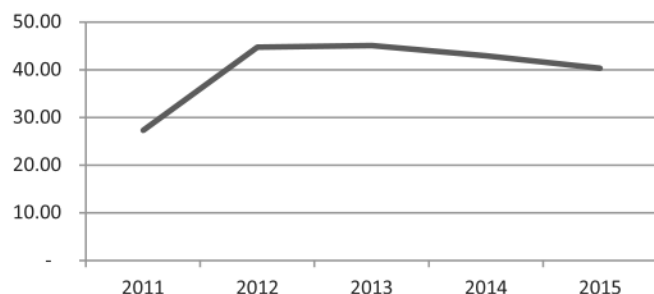
- The Canada-Colombia Free Trade Agreement, in force since 2011, and parallel agreements on labour cooperation and the environment, have provided a boost to Canadian companies in the sectors of agriculture, information and communications technologies (ICT), mining, education, oil and gas and services. Since its entry into force, BC exports have more than doubled, from \$18 M (2010) to \$40 M (2015).
- Colombia is a member state of the Pacific Alliance, a trade bloc of which Canada is an observer. In June 2016, Canada and the Alliance signed a Joint Declaration on a Partnership.

- As a member of the Andean Community with Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru, Colombia signed the Canada-Andean Community Trade and Investment Cooperation Agreement in 1999.
- Canada and Colombia also have an Air Transportation Agreement, a Double Taxation Agreement and a Nuclear Cooperation Agreement.
- Colombia is a country of focus for Canada's international development efforts. In 2014-2015, Canada provided CAD\$39.48 M in assistance.
- The BC Ministry of Education has worked with the Ministry of National Education of Colombia on an education-related Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- According to the 2011 census, 4,325 British Columbians are of Colombian descent.

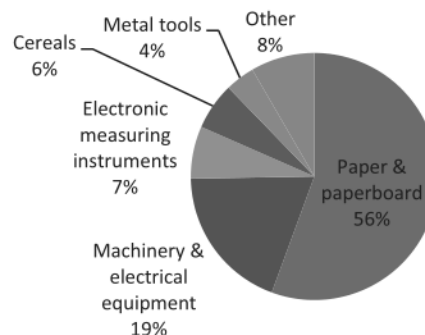
The Pacific Alliance

- If the Pacific Alliance were a country, it would have the eighth-largest economy in the world: as of 2015 it had over 200 million consumers, accounted for over 36 percent of both Latin America's population and its total GDP.
- The Pacific Alliance countries were ranked as the top four in Latin America and the Caribbean, for ease of doing business, in the World Bank's Doing Business 2016.
- Canada's total merchandise trade with Pacific Alliance members reached \$46.2 billion in 2015. The four countries account for more than 70 percent of Canada's two-way trade with all of Latin America.
- With a young and increasingly qualified labour force, this regrouping of an estimated 225 million inhabitants constitutes an important market for Canada.

BC Origin Exports to Colombia 2011-2015
CAD Millions



Top 5 BC Origin Exports to Colombia, 2015
(CAD \$40.3 M)



TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- Colombia is BC's fifth largest export market in Latin America, after Mexico, Brazil, Chile and Peru.
- Between 2011 and 2015, BC's exports to Colombia averaged \$40.07 million per year, including newsprint, paper, industrial machinery and tools, canary seeds, and wheat.
- Saskatchewan, Quebec, Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba and New Brunswick all exported more to Colombia in 2015.
- Between 2011 and 2015 BC's imports from Colombia averaged \$50.63 million per year, including coffee, flowers, construction machinery and tools, fruits and sugar.
- There are many BC companies with operations in Colombia and/or offering services to the oil & gas and mining sectors, including B2Gold, Energold, Galway Resources, Sunward Resources, Eagle Mapping and CABO drilling Corp.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

Agrifoods

- Consumer demand and reduced tariffs offer opportunities for BC agrifoods producers.
- Colombia's biodiversity grants the country great potential for food production and poses opportunities for BC's agritech and expertise.

Education

- In 2015, Colombia ranked as BC's 26th top source country for international students with 575 Colombians studying in BC.
- There was a 62 percent increase in the number of students from Colombia between 2010 and 2015.
- While not identified as a priority market under BC's International Education Strategy, Colombia has become an emerging market to recruit international students, especially for graduate studies and language training.
- Colombia is home to one BC Offshore School, the only one in the Americas.

Information and Communication Technologies

- Demand exists for computer hardware and software, networking solutions, telecoms. Equipment, broadband & internet service providers.

Mining, Oil & Gas Services

- Colombia is the world's 10th largest coal producer and the fourth exporter worldwide.
- Colombia has undertaken an aggressive program to increase its oil and gas reserves, a sector where

Canada/BC is a major investor and supplier of goods and services.

- Colombia is the third-largest crude oil producer in South America
- There is demand for transportation, prospecting and drilling equipment. In addition, exploration companies need geophysical, land surveying, mapping, engineering and planning services.

OFFICIAL VISITS

- December 2016: Consul General Pinzón met with MIT DM Roberts
- October 2016: Ambassador Lloreda met with MIT DM Roberts
- November, 2014: Pacific Alliance meeting, featuring business representatives and officials from Colombia, Chile, Mexico and Peru. Minister Bond in attendance.
- May 2014: Consul General met with Minister Teresa Wat, Mayor of Victoria
- March 2014: MIT Latin American consultation session with Consul Generals. Colombian CG participated.
- April 2014: Ambassador Lloreda met with MAV, LG, MTW, MJR, MBB

DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION

Foreign Representation in Canada: Nicolás Lloreda-Ricaurte

Canadian Representation Abroad: Ambassador Donald Bobiash

Representation in Vancouver: Consul General Mónica J. Pinzón Bueno

International Education Market Profile – Colombia

Canada as a Study and Research Destination

In general, Canada is perceived by Colombians as a great study destination, thanks to its high quality of living, security and bilingual environment. The main area of demand is for language training, which is driven by two factors: (1) the trend among local schools to send their students abroad to improve their language capabilities; and (2) the need for young professionals to be fluent in a second and even a third language to get better jobs. The second area in which local students are most interested is graduate studies, as better qualifications lead to greater success in the labour market.

The main factors that students consider when selecting the country of destination are reputation (international rankings), price and options for working, both during their studies and after graduation. In the decision-making process, parents and local education agents are the main influencers. Indeed, it is important to convince parents that there is good return on investment, since they are financing their child's studies abroad. In the local culture, trust is fundamental and people follow the recommendations of persons they know. Therefore, local education agents are main influencers, given that they build strong relationships with the students and their families. Education agents have the power to direct families to institutions or destinations that are easy for them to promote. When a country has an easy visa process, education agents tend to offer that destination more aggressively. Canada has a reputation among education agents of being a difficult country to promote because acquiring a Canadian visa is difficult. This has a direct impact on the promotion of Canada as a study destination.

Language training at the primary and secondary school level, summer/winter camps, teacher training (language and professional development) and graduate studies are areas in which recruitment opportunities are most abundant. Local institutions are always interested in exploring partnerships that present a win-win situation. Research and two-way mobility agreements are of interest to local universities, as well as the possibility of offering specific in-house training or short courses for local students given by a guest professor from Canada.

Contact education@international.gc.ca to obtain the full free copy of the International Education Market Profile – Colombia

Key Opportunities for International Student Recruitment

Study level	Potential (High, Medium, Low, None) ¹	Analysis
Virtual learning	High	Given that not all students can afford to study abroad, this option has high potential if it is offered by a local university in partnership with a Canadian one. Virtual learning could be used for basic language training and as part of a joint degree program.
Language training (English)	High	There is a need for local people to be fluent in a second language to get better jobs. Most universities are requesting international language tests to award a bachelor's degree. Therefore, many students choose to take language programs abroad to succeed on those tests.
Language training (French)	Medium	People who are fluent in English look for training in a third language, which is usually French. Local schools are also offering a third language to their students and are looking to send them to summer/winter camps during the school year. Canada has the advantage of offering both English and French courses.
Primary and secondary	Low	Very few families send their kids abroad for long periods when they're in primary school, but they are willing to send them for short periods (1-2 months) if there is an agreement between the local school and the foreign institution. In the case of secondary school, families are more comfortable sending their kids abroad, especially just after their last year of high school. In Colombia, high school education ends with Grade 11; therefore, the possibility of doing Grade 12 in Canada is very attractive.
Technical and vocational training	Low	People who usually take this training typically don't have the financial means to study abroad, nor do they possess the necessary language skills.
College/polytechnics	Medium	There is little awareness of what Canadian colleges offer, both in terms of programs and in terms of quality. Nonetheless, there is an opportunity to raise awareness of the value of a Canadian college diploma.
University (undergraduate)	Medium	There are a good number of students who can afford to study abroad and have the language capabilities to do so; however, most families prefer that their kids do their undergraduate program in Colombia and then go abroad for their graduate studies.
University (graduate/PhD)	High	Foreign credentials at the graduate level open the doors to better job opportunities. Usually, people finish their undergraduate program in Colombia and look to do their master's and PhD abroad.
Other (offshore campuses / curriculum selling)	Medium	There is a trend among private schools toward internationalizing and creating links with foreign school. There is room for Canadian institutions to work with local ones to offer a Canadian curriculum or to be "sister institutions."

¹ **High** = Growing pool of qualified candidates/enrolments at the national level and to Canada, lack of domestic capacity for enrolments and poor reputation of national education system, strong awareness of Canada as a top study destination, high proportion of self-financing students, strong social/economic benefits to or incentives for learning English and/or French, depreciation in Canadian dollar relative to national currency.

Medium = Steady number of qualified candidates/enrolments at the national level and to Canada, strong domestic capacity for enrolments and good reputation of national education system, little awareness of Canada as a top study destination, relatively high proportion of self-financing students, some social/economic benefits to or incentives for learning English and/or French, stable exchange rate between Canadian dollar and national currency.

Low = Decreasing number of qualified candidates/enrolments at the national level and to Canada, strong domestic capacity for enrolments and exceptional reputation of national education system, virtually no awareness of Canada as a top study destination, very few self-financing students, very few or no social/economic benefits to or incentives for learning English and/or French, appreciation of Canadian dollar relative to national currency.

FLIGHT ITINERARY
ITINERARY MARCH 16 – APRIL 2, 2017

March 16, 2017 – March 17, 2017 VICTORIA-VANCOUVER-TORONTO- BOGOTA

6:00 pm

Travel to Victoria International Airport

8:15pm - 8:41pm

Flight to Vancouver

Victoria to Vancouver March 16, 2017	AC Flight 8080 departs @ 8:15 am
Time: 26 minutes	Arrives Vancouver @ 8:41 am

10:05 pm – 5:23 am

Flight from Vancouver to Toronto

Vancouver to Toronto March 16, 2017	AC Flight # 767 departs @ 10:05 pm
Time: 6 hrs 10 minutes	Arrives Toronto @ 5:23 am March 17

March 17, 2017

8:15 am - 1:10pm

Flight from Toronto to Bogota

Toronto - Bogota March 17, 2017	AC Flight # 1944 departs @ 8:15 am
Time: 5 hrs 1 minute	Arrives Bogota @ 1:10pm

FLIGHT ITINERARY
ITINERARY MARCH 16 – APRIL 2, 2017

FLIGHT ITINERARY
ITINERARY MARCH 16 – APRIL 2, 2017

March 22, 2017 – BOGOTA - MEDELLIN
Wednesday

4:30 pm **Travel to El Dorado International Airport, Bogota**

7:35 pm **Flight to Medellin (*confirmed*)**
****Consul General Pinzon will be travelling on same flight***

Bogota-Medellin March 22, 2017	Avianca Flight # AV9326 departs @ 7:35 pm
Time: 59 minutes	Arrives Medellin @ 8:34 pm

s.22

8:34 pm **Airport Pick-up by** ^{s.22}
s.22
B.C. Certified Offshore School in la Estrella –Antioquia

Contact Information For Posada Family if Delay:

Mr. Rafael Posada, International Relations Coordinator	Cell: ^{s.22} Tel: (+574) 279-8848 Ext. 104 rafael.posada@colegiocanadiense.edu.co
---	--

FLIGHT ITINERARY
ITINERARY MARCH 16 – APRIL 2, 2017

FLIGHT ITINERARY
ITINERARY MARCH 16 – APRIL 2, 2017

March 26, 2017 – MEDELLIN - CARTAGENA

Sunday

7:00 am **Travel to Medellin Airport**

9:43 am – 10:50 am **Flight to Cartagena (*confirmed*)**

Medellin-Cartagena March 26, 2017	Avianca Flight # AV9386 departs @ 9:43 am
Time: 1 hr 7 minutes	Arrives Cartagena @ 10:50 am

s.22

11:00 am – 1:00 pm **Travel to Hotel**

FLIGHT ITINERARY
ITINERARY MARCH 16 – APRIL 2, 2017

FLIGHT ITINERARY
ITINERARY MARCH 16 – APRIL 2, 2017

April 2-3, 2017 CARTAGENA – BOGOTA – TORTONO – VANCOUVER - VICTORIA
Sunday

April 2, 2017

7:00 am

Travel to Cartagena Airport

9:29 am – 10:58 am

Flight to Bogota

Cartagena - Bogota April 2, 2017	Avianca Flight # AV9541 departs @ 9:29 am
Time: 1 hr 29 minutes	Arrives Bogota @ 10:58 am

2:30 pm – 9:40 pm

Flight from Bogota to Toronto

Bogota - Toronto April 2, 2017	AC Flight # 1945 departs @ 2:30 pm
Time: 6 hrs 10 minutes	Arrives Toronto @ 9:58 pm

10:55 pm – 12:56 am (+1)

Flight from Toronto to Vancouver

Toronto - Vancouver April 2, 2017	AC Flight # 515 departs @ 10:55 pm
Time: 5 hrs 1 minute	Arrives Vancouver @ 12:56 am April 3

April 3, 2017

9:00 am – 9:29 am

Flight from Vancouver - Victoria

Vancouver - Victoria April 2, 2017	AC Flight # 8059 departs @ 9:00am
Time: 29 minutes	Arrives Vancouver @ 9:29 am April 3

Page 154 to/à Page 157

Withheld pursuant to/removed as

s.16

COLOMBIA EDUCATION OVERVIEW

MARCH 21 - 24, 2017

A. Education in Colombia Profile

(Source: World Education Services (WES): a not-for-profit organization specializing in the evaluation of foreign academic credentials)

Colombia Education System

Colombia has an eleven-year system of elementary and secondary education, consisting of five years of elementary education, four years of lower secondary education and two years of upper secondary education.

The Ministry of Education (*The Ministerio de Educación Nacional*) regulates all levels of education. The 32 states (*departamentos*) in Colombia are charged with administering

education in accordance with the ministry's regulations and guidelines. The state authority of education is the Secretariat of Education (*Secretaría de Educación*). The Ministry of Education outlines the learning objectives and subject areas for each grade level, but schools are allowed to organize their own specific study plans in accordance with community and regional needs.

The basic education cycle is free and compulsory for all Colombian children between the ages of five and 15. On the university level, fees are decided according to the socioeconomic background of each student. Public universities fees usually amount to around US\$970 per semester and private universities typically charge between \$970-5,330 per semester. Language of instruction is Spanish, but bilingualism is starting to take on a new role in Colombia. In 2004, the Ministry of Education launched the National Bilingual Program, adding English as a foreign language to the overall education agenda. Through increased English language skills, Colombia aims to increase academic and labor mobility of its people and it is also believed to be key to improving the country's global competitiveness. English is now part

National Ministry of Education (Bogota)

- Creates regulations and guidelines

32 State Departments of Education (Secretariat)

- Administers National Ministry Policy
- Leadership appointed by State Governor or City Mayor
- Staff are career civil servants
- Directly administer schools

COLOMBIA EDUCATION OVERVIEW

MARCH 21 - 24, 2017

of the state curriculum and bilingualism is a criteria for accreditation of higher education programs.

The National Ministry of Education offers two options for the school calendar: “A” and “B.” Most departments use calendar A, which consists of two semesters that runs from February until November. Calendar B is also divided into two semesters but runs from September to June. Both calendars follow a 198-day school year.

Primary Education

Primary education (*Educación Primaria*) in Colombia is five years in length, and runs from grade one through five, with most children starting at age 6. The primary education curriculum is set by The Ministry of Education, and comprises nine educational areas:

- Natural sciences and environmental education
- Social sciences, history, geography, political constitution and democracy
- Art education
- Ethics and human values
- Physical education, recreation and sport
- Religious education
- Humanities, Spanish and foreign languages
- Mathematics
- Technology and information technology

Students receive the certificate *Certificado de Educación Primaria* upon completion.

Secondary Education

Secondary education lasts 6 years and is divided into two cycles; lower secondary school (*Educación Secundaria Básica*) and upper secondary school (*Educación Media*).

Lower Secondary Education

Lower secondary school (*Educación Básica Secundaria*), is 4 years in length and runs from grade six through nine. Most students start at age 11.

All students receive the same fundamental academic instruction in lower secondary school, and the curriculum is similar to that in primary school, with additional technical subjects and a foreign language.

COLOMBIA EDUCATION OVERVIEW

MARCH 21 - 24, 2017

Completion of this cycle leads to a Certificate of Basic Baccalaureate Studies (*Certificado de Estudios de Bachillerato Básico* or *Certificado de Conclusión del Ciclo Básico*).

Upper Secondary Education

Upper Secondary Education (*Educación Media*) lasts two years, runs from grades 10 through 11, and is intended for students between the ages of 15-16.

At this level, students choose between different specialized programs or “tracks.” There are two different tracks: Academic (*Bachillerato Académico*) and technical (*Bachillerato en Tecnología o Aplicado*). The academic track provides students with a general education in arts, sciences and humanities. The technical track is more vocational in nature and aims to prepare students to enter the work force. The technical track is further divided into:

- Technical Track (*Bachiller en Tecnología o Aplicado*)
- Industrial track (*Bachillerato Industrial*)
- Business track (*Bachillerato Comercial*)
- Pedagogical Track (*Bachillerato Pedagógico*)
- Agricultural Track (*Bachillerato Agropecuario*)
- Social Promotion Track (*Bachillerato de Promoción Social*)

Upon completion of secondary school, students are awarded the title of **Baccalaureate** (*Título de Bachiller*), which gives access to higher education. This credential is equivalent to a U.S. high school diploma.

To qualify for higher education studies, all students, regardless of chosen track, need to pass a state exam (*Examen de Estado*), an achievement and competency test that is administered by the *Instituto Colombiano para la Evaluación de la Educación (ICFES)*. The exam is administered twice a year. Similar to the U.S., the results required for admission to higher education vary from institution to institution.

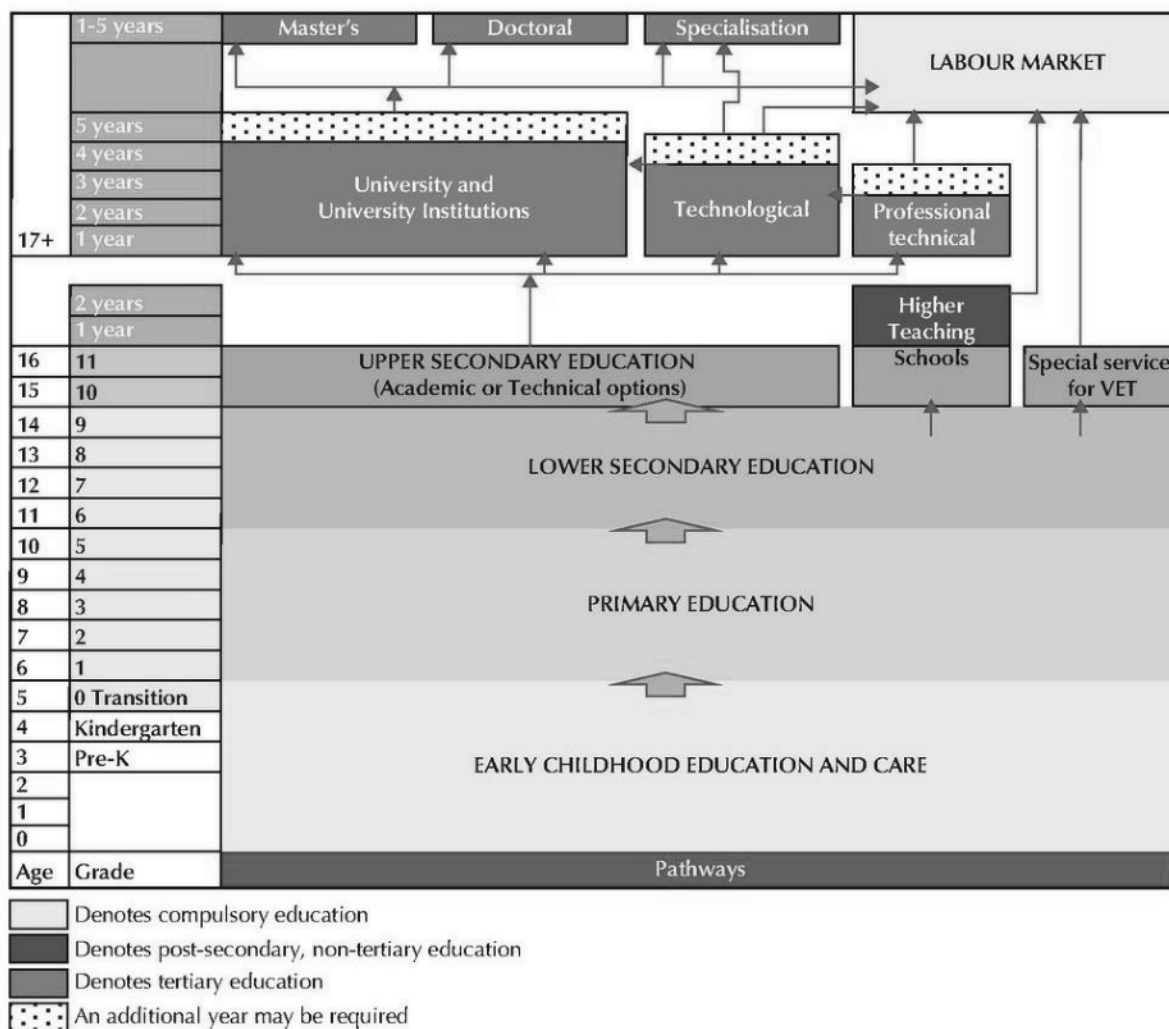
There are three levels of university studies: *profesional* (professional/undergraduate), *maestría/magister* (master’s degree), and *doctor* (doctoral/PhD). There are also non-university higher education degrees, *técnico* (technician) and *tecnólogo* (technologist), offered at technical institutions as well as university level institutions.

COLOMBIA EDUCATION OVERVIEW

MARCH 21 - 24, 2017

Diagram Source: OECD

Figure 1.2. Structure of Colombia's education system



COLOMBIA EDUCATION OVERVIEW

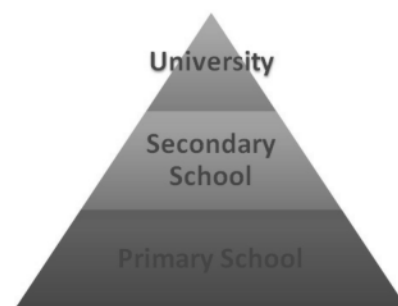
MARCH 21 - 24, 2017

Colombian Ministry of Education Description and Priorities

Source: Colombian Ministry of Education, 2015

K-12 Education

- Children attend preschool academy until age five.
- Basic education includes primary education (Grades 1 – 5) and secondary education (Grades 6 – 9), followed by middle vocational education in Grades 10 and 11.
- Once basic and middle education is complete, a high school diploma is awarded.
- A high school graduate is known as a *Bachiller*.
- Students in Grade 11 take a test called *Saber 11* in order to gain access to higher education.
- Only 45% of students are attaining university level education.



Literacy

- Total of 93.6% of the population aged 15 and older are literate which includes 98.2% of those aged 15-24.
 - Goal of 98% literacy by 2018

Budget

- Public spending on education as part of GDP in 2013 was 4.9%, which represented 16.9% of total government expenditure.
- In 2016 the education budget was \$13 Billion in USD.

Advanced Education

- Higher education includes undergraduate professional studies, technical, technological and intermediate professional education and post-graduate studies.
- Colleges do not exist in Colombia, only career programs at universities.
- SENA (National Learning Service) is a Colombian public institution that provides free vocational and technical training to around 9 million Colombians annually.

Educational Goals

- Strong focus on bilingualism, specifically for scientists, engineers and entrepreneurs;
 - Signed Law 1615 in 2013, which requires all citizens to eventually become bilingual;
 - Government seeks to raise the level of pre-intermediate B1 English from 2% to 8% by 2018;
 - Enhancing exchanges worldwide to better reach this goal.
- “Tras la excelencia docente” – was the program chosen by President Santos to train and evaluate teachers.



MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

BRIEFING NOTE

DATE: February 24, 2017

CLIFF: 193082

PREPARED FOR: Dave Byng, Deputy Minister, for **Information** at the request of the Assistant Deputy Minister of the International Education, Independent Schools and Partner Relations Division.

SUBJECT: International Education Update: Fiscal Year 2016/17

BACKGROUND:

British Columbia's International Education sector has done exceptionally well in fiscal year 2016/17. British Columbia continues to lead all other jurisdictions in the per capita number of K-12 international students and to administer Canada's largest offshore school program.

From September 2015 until September 2016, the number of international students enrolled in British Columbia public and independent schools grew by 9.2% to 20,438 students. This represents a 70% increase over the British Columbia *International Education Strategy*'s baseline (12,000 students) and an estimated economic contribution¹ of \$488.7 million annually to the B.C. economy from K-12 international students.

After such strong growth, the Ministry of Education is well positioned to exceed Government's new 4-year international student enrolment increase target of 10% set by the *BC Jobs Plan 5-Year Update*, released on January 23, 2017.

During this same period, enrolment in British Columbia's Offshore School Program grew by 5% and now stands at 12,500 students. This represents a 300% increase in enrolment over the B.C. *International Education Strategy* baseline. B.C. certified one new school in China, increasing the total number of B.C.-certified offshore schools to 46 schools in 8 countries. The Ministry of Education is on track to certify 2 new offshore schools in 2017/18, one in China and one in the United Arab Emirates.

Data and statistics for both the onshore and offshore programs are included in Appendix 1.

DISCUSSION:

B.C. Onshore International Education Program

During fiscal year 2016, EDUC has completed and/or initiated projects to (i) increase B.C.'s market share, (ii) increase international student retention and transitions from B.C. K-12 schools into B.C. post-secondary education and (iii) promote stronger relationships and engagement with traditional markets (iv) and strategically target entry into emerging markets in collaboration with Ministry of International Trade, school districts and BCCIE.

¹ Estimated using Roslyn Kunin & Associates' average per student economic contribution multiplied by EDUC enrolment numbers.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BRIEFING NOTE

i) Marketing Initiatives

The development of a new website, [BCforHighSchool](#), markets B.C. as a K-12 study destination and provides orientation and support materials for international students once they arrive in B.C. The website features new videos and photos showcasing B.C. students and schools. By March it will be translated into Mandarin, Japanese, Korean, and Spanish and will be available in French, Italian, Portuguese (Brazil), Vietnamese, and Thai by June. Stakeholder feedback on the website is strong, with districts incorporating the website into marketing efforts.

ii) Transitions to B.C. Post-Secondary (Pathways)

In December, the Ministry held a Pathways Conference attended by over 100 participants representing 22 school districts, 33 post-secondary institutions, and B.C.'s international education associations. Feedback on the conference was outstanding, with over 96% of respondents requesting the Ministry to hold a similar event next year. Another pathway initiative included the second administration of B.C.'s international student scholarship program (120 scholarships valued at \$1,250 each).

iii) Partnerships and Diversification

During fiscal 2016/17, the Ministry entered into four education-related Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) with France, Italy, Spain and Colombia. These MOUs represent a deliberate strategy to promote diversification within the K-12 international sector as well as respond to school district requests to support these markets. The MOUs have already led to increased collaboration between the jurisdictions. Appendix 2 provides an MOU status update. Facilitating twinning relationships between B.C. and MOU country partner schools, enables teacher and student exchanges, yields strong results in expanding BC's Global presence.,

Other partner relations activities included hosting regular meetings with the Chinese and Japanese consulates, school districts, independent schools, partner ministries, the British Columbia Council for International Education, B.C.'s Trade and Investment Representatives, B.C. Education Marketing Managers and B.C. and international education associations.

B.C. Offshore School Program

B.C.'s Offshore School Program leads all other Canadian provinces in terms of the number of offshore schools and total enrolment. The Offshore School Program Advisory Committee (OSPAC) has confirmed their high satisfaction with the B.C. offshore program.

Through fiscal year 2016/17 the Ministry has undertaken actions to retain and grow B.C.'s number one standing, increase market share, increase the number of B.C.-educated teachers, and build strong relationships with partners.

The Ministry has worked closely with Trade and Investment Representatives Offices and Canadian embassies overseas to support the expansion of the program and the on-boarding of strong new owner/operators. The Ministry has leveraged B.C.'s education advantage – as

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BRIEFING NOTE

demonstrated by the Province's extraordinary PISA scores – in discussions with existing and/or potential new ownership groups in Japan and Vietnam.

Over the past year, the Ministry mitigated barriers to the hiring of B.C. trained teachers in offshore schools. B.C. educated teachers now comprise 40% of all offshore school teachers. EDUC's Teacher Regulation Branch has created an expedited certification pathway that will enable offshore school groups to hire B.C.-educated teachers earlier in the year. EDUC also brokered stronger partnerships with B.C.'s post-secondary Teacher Education Programs, enabling offshore school owners to work directly with institutions for teacher recruitment. These actions will support both school expansion and an increase in B.C. graduates choosing to enter B.C. universities and colleges.

Fiscal 2017/18 – Next Steps for the Onshore and Offshore Programs

In fiscal 2017/18, EDUC will develop two international education marketing videos – one promoting study in B.C. schools and one promoting study in B.C. certified offshore schools (April completion). The Ministry will also complete an expert-developed market share analysis and growth plan (July completion).

The Ministry will also refresh the Province's homestay guidelines document; expand and re-administer the international education scholarship program; and begin work on entering into 2 international MOUs supporting traditional and emerging markets while actively pursuing strategic MOU's focused on increasing market share.

Offshore, the Ministry will continue to work with existing and new ownership groups to begin the onboarding process for strong applications from priority and emerging markets. The Ministry will also continue streamlining the offshore school inspection process and include key Ministry staff in offshore school inspections, leveraging offshore school recoveries to achieve the desired in market participation by the Ministry. This will ensure alignment with the independent school inspection process and help meet the Offshore School Program's 25% enrolment growth target.

Building on the success of the first Offshore School Program Education Modernization Professional Development workshop (July 2016), hosted by the Ministry's Chief Education Officer, the Ministry has commenced planning and communications for an additional 2017 session that will promote the B.C. education brand overseas by focusing on the successful implementation of B.C.'s redesigned curriculum and assessment program.

CONCLUSION:

Over fiscal year 2016/17, the Ministry of Education retained its leading position for both the domestic international education program and the B.C. Offshore School Program. Both streams saw excellent growth, with 9.2% and 5% respectively. The work that the Ministry has completed this past year with its focus on marketing, quality and program expansion positions the Ministry well to continue to expand, diversify and improve both its onshore and offshore programs.

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
BRIEFING NOTE**

Attachment(s)

193082 Appendix 1 - Statistics and Data

193082 Appendix 2 - EDUC MOU Status Update

<u>Contact Information</u> Independent Schools and International Education Branch 250-387-3711	RS	Approved
	ADM initial	Dave Byng Deputy Minister
		Date signed:

Appendix One:
Offshore and Onshore Program - Supplemental Data

Reference Number: 193082

Overview of Offshore Program by Country

Country	# Schools	# Students	% of Growth over 2015/16	# B.C. Teachers	Graduation Rate ¹
China	35	9,826	4%	584	87%
Colombia	1	104	32%	4	96%
Egypt	1	674	6%	46	100%
France	1	41	173%	7	-
Japan	1	31	107%	4	-
South Korea	5	751	3%	76	100%
Thailand	1	28	-40%	8	80%
Qatar	1	1,029	5%	44	-
TOTAL	46	12,484	5%	773	87%

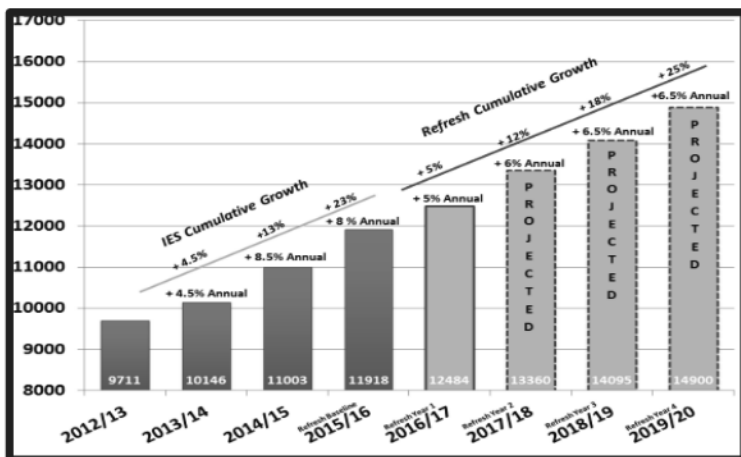
Offshore Program Comparison

Province	# Schools	# Students	Countries
British Columbia	46	12,484	China, Colombia, Egypt, France, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, Qatar
Ontario	20	3,446	China, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Qatar, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago
New Brunswick	19	4,950	Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Saint Lucia, Turkey
Nova Scotia	17	3,989	China, United Arab Emirates
Alberta	12	4,600	Bermuda, Cambodia, China, Jordan, Mexico, Qatar, United Arab Emirates
Manitoba	8	1,200	Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, Japan, Korea, Thailand
Prince Edward Island	4	550	China, Japan, Turkey

Status of Future Offshore Schools

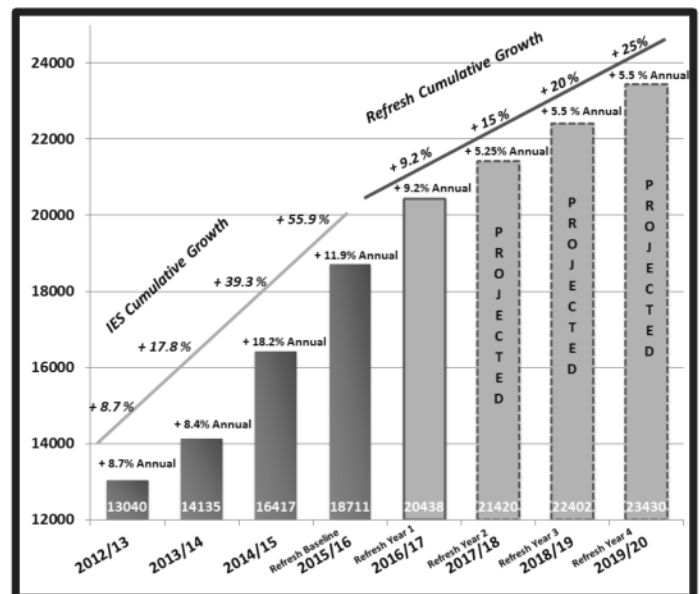
Application Stage	Location	Status	Start Date
Pre-certification Agreement signed	United Arab Emirates - Dubai	On track to open	2017/18
	China - Harbin	On track to open	2017/18
	Spain - Madrid	Requires local government approval	tbd
Invited to apply	China - Jieyang	On track to open	2017/18
	China - Xian	On track to open	2017/18
	China - Foshan City	On track to open	2017/18
	China - Shenzhen	Requires local government approval	2017/18
	China - Tieling	Requires local government approval	2017/18

Offshore Refresh Projected Growth



International Education Refresh Projected Growth

Target of 25% (+4,677 onshore & offshore students) increase by 2020



Onshore Student Enrolment

Year	Strategy Year	K-12 International Student Enrolment in B.C.	Annual Increase	Total Increase	Estimated impact on Provincial Economy**
(2010)	Baseline	12,000*	-	-	\$288.5 M
2012/13	Year 1	13,040	8.7%	8.7%	\$315.4M
2013/14	Year 2	14,135	8.4%	17.8%	\$337.2 M
2014/15	Year 3	16,714	18.2%	39.3%	\$399.2 M
2015/16	Year 4	18,711	11.9%	55.9%	\$446.5 M
2016/17	Year 5	20,438	9.2%	70.3%	\$488.7 M

*The International Education Strategy baseline used a rounded 2009/10 figure (from 11,713)
** Estimated using Roslyn Kunin's average per student funding multiplied by Ministry enrolment numbers

B.C. OFFSHORE SCHOOL PROFILE COLEGIO CANADIENSE

Colegio Canadiense was certified as the first B.C. Offshore School in South America in 2013. Located in a residential suburb of Medellín, Colombia, the school currently enrolls 104 students in Grades 10 – 12. Every year, *Colegio* students are encouraged to complete a semester in B.C. through long-established partnerships with B.C. school districts. 66 students are currently studying in B.C as part of this 5-month immersion program.

Offshore School Snapshot

Offshore Schools:	46
Countries:	8
Students:	12,500
B.C. teachers:	775

<i>Colegio Canadiense</i> Profile
Enrollment: 104 students
Grades: 10 – 12
Cost-recovery: \$51,400

School Overview:

- School name: *Colegio Canadiense*
- Location: Medellín, Antioquia Colombia (population 3.7 million)
- The educational program is strong:
 - Celebrated the inaugural B.C. graduation class in 2014/15
 - Blended curriculum model enables students to graduate with a B.C. Dogwood, a national Colombian diploma and a Cambridge Certificate of English
 - Partnership with Lower Mainland school districts for short-term study and immersion programs to ensure that students have proficient English language skills for success in the B.C. program
 - Enrollment grew by 30% in 2015/16, and the new Grade 10 cohort size doubled. There is strong interest and community support for the B.C. program.

Copyright

Owner/Operator Profile:

- The school's Owner/Operator, Santiago Posada, is the Managing Director of the family-run business that also operates the large private host school. The host school enrolls more than 1,100 students and offers a preparatory English program in Grades 1 – 9.
- The Owner/Operator is supported by an experienced Offshore School Representative, Bruce Nicholson, who is also a former *Colegio Canadiense* Principal.

Benefit to British Columbia:

- \$51,400 annual cost-recovery in 2017/18 (104 students)

- \$120,000 potential annual cost-recovery after 5 years of projected student enrollment growth (300 students)
- Showcases the B.C. education “brand” in priority South American market
- Strengthen the relationship with MOU partner

PISA RESULTS SUMMARY

MARCH 21 - 24, 2017

About PISA

The Programme for International Students Assessment was founded by OECD in 2000, where **15 year olds** from across the world participate in a standardized international test in **science, math and reading**. Results are compared and reported in efforts to assist countries in monitoring educational and social trends, progress in subjects, and international policy and practices.

Overview and General Results

- Approximately 540, 000 sample students took the 2015 PISA test in science, math and reading, which geographically represents over 29 million students in 77 jurisdictions.
- Japan, Estonia, Finland, and Canada are the top performing OECD countries in science.
- Canada, Denmark, Estonia, and China are achieving high levels of performance and education equity, which notes the score difference between the 90th and 10th percentile students.
- Private schools out performed public schools, however when taking into account socio economic background public schools received higher PISA scores.

International PISA Ranking

Jurisdiction	Reading	Science	Math	400	425	450	475	500	525	550	575
BC	536	539	522								
Alberta	533	541	511								
Quebec	532	537	544								
Ontario	527	524	509								
Canada	527	528	516								
Singapore	535	556	564								
Finland	526	531	511								
Ireland	521	503	504								
Estonia	519	534	520								
South Korea	517	516	524								
Japan	516	538	532								
Germany	509	509	506								
New Zealand	509	513	495								
Netherlands	503	509	512								
Australia	503	510	494								
France	499	495	493								
United Kingdom	498	509	492								
United States	497	496	470								
Spain	496	493	486								
Italy	485	481	490								
Colombia	425	416	390								
Mexico	423	404	408								

Note: Only OECD Countries are reflected with the exception of Singapore and Colombia
Note: Ranking reflects all jurisdictions that participated in PISA
Note: Rankings which are tied with another Jurisdiction are **Bold**

Canada Specific

- Canada has a 9% student performance difference of students based on socioeconomic background. The PISA average is 12.9%.
- On average across Canada, there was no gender gap in science performance. In math, boys continue to outperform girls in Canada and in reading, girls are still well ahead of boys in both Canada and internationally. (CMEC)
- 12% of Canadian students are top performers (performance Levels 5 or 6) in science, which is 4% higher than the OECD average. (CMEC)

PISA RESULTS SUMMARY

MARCH 21 - 24, 2017

CMEC Report on the Provincial and Canada-wide PISA Results - BC Focused

Note: There is a 95% confidence in of accuracy of the overall provincial scores

Science

- In science, Alberta, B.C., and Quebec, respectively, received the top science scores in a Canadian jurisdiction. Saskatchewan was the lowest scoring province with 496, just three points above the OECD average.
- Over 90% of students in B.C., Quebec, and Alberta performed at a Level 2 Science or above.
 - 15% of students in BC performed at a Level 5 or 6, only Alberta had a higher percentage with 16%.
- B.C. performed better than the other Canadian jurisdictions in the majority of the science subcategories.
 - Alberta performed better in all subcategories.

Reading

- B.C. scored the highest of all Canadian jurisdictions in reading, with only Alberta, Quebec, and Ontario scoring higher than the Canadian average.
- B.C. has been increasing their reading scores since 2009 (525), 2012 (535) and 2015 (536) to be the highest scoring province in this category.

Math

- Quebec was the highest scoring jurisdiction in Canada, with B.C. being the only other jurisdiction to exceed the Canadian average.
- B.C.'s math score stayed the same to the 2012 results.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

International Education

MARCH 2017

Dave Byng – DEPUTY MINISTER



Topics

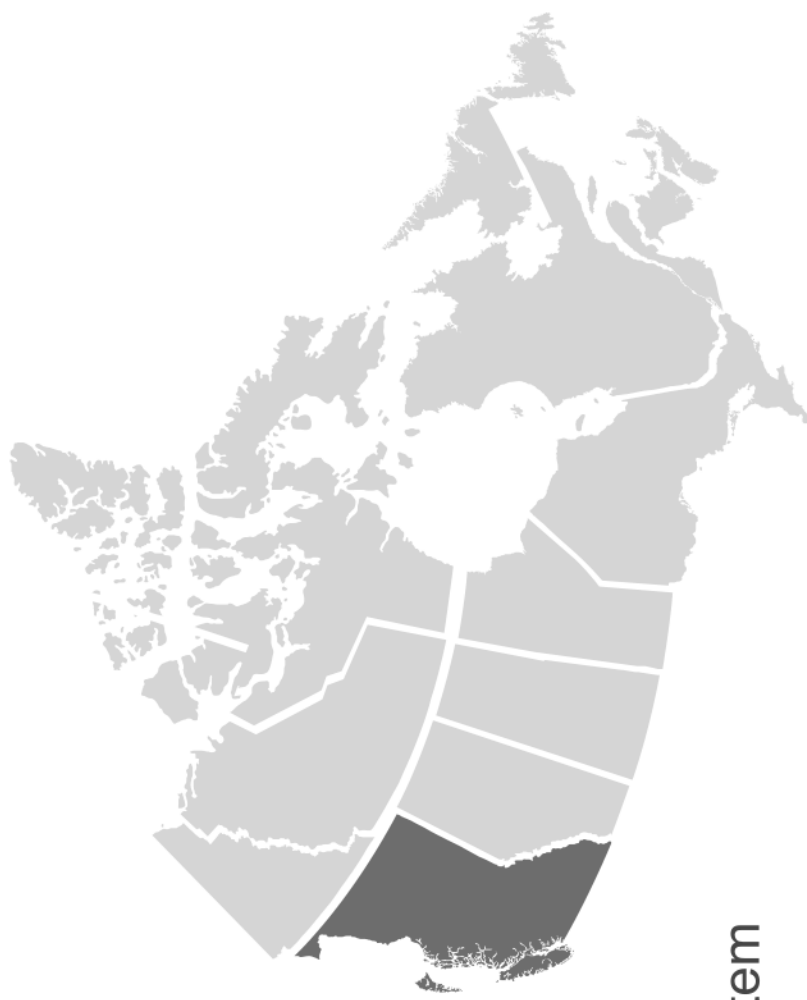
1. British Columbia Education System
2. International Education in British Colombia
3. BC Certified Offshore Schools
4. Colegio Canadiense



BC Education System

British Columbia – Education System

- ✓ Education in Canada is a **provincial responsibility**
- ✓ BC's population: **4.7 million**
- ✓ BC has a **world class education system**
- ✓ Total **operating budget** of **\$5.1B** for the public school system



Celebrating Our Successes

Conference Board of Canada (2014)

- ✓ **3rd best** among included jurisdictions and top performing Province

PISA results (2015) PISA results (2012)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ✓ 1st in reading | ✓ 2nd in reading |
| ✓ 2nd in science | ✓ 3rd in science |
| ✓ 6th in math | ✓ 10th in math |

Key Areas of Focus Over the Next 3-5 Years

Cultural Diversity

- ✓ Increasing numbers of immigrant students
- ✓ Upward trend of in-migration from other provinces
- ✓ Record levels of student immigrants

Special Needs

- ✓ Increasing numbers of students identified with special needs
- ✓ Earlier diagnosis resulting in improved supports in place

Aboriginal Education

- ✓ Restrictions on use of Evergreen certificates
- ✓ Improved six-year completion rate
- ✓ Access to provincial exams and BC Dogwood for students on reserve



Copyright

Key Areas of Focus Over the Next 3-5 Years

Copyright

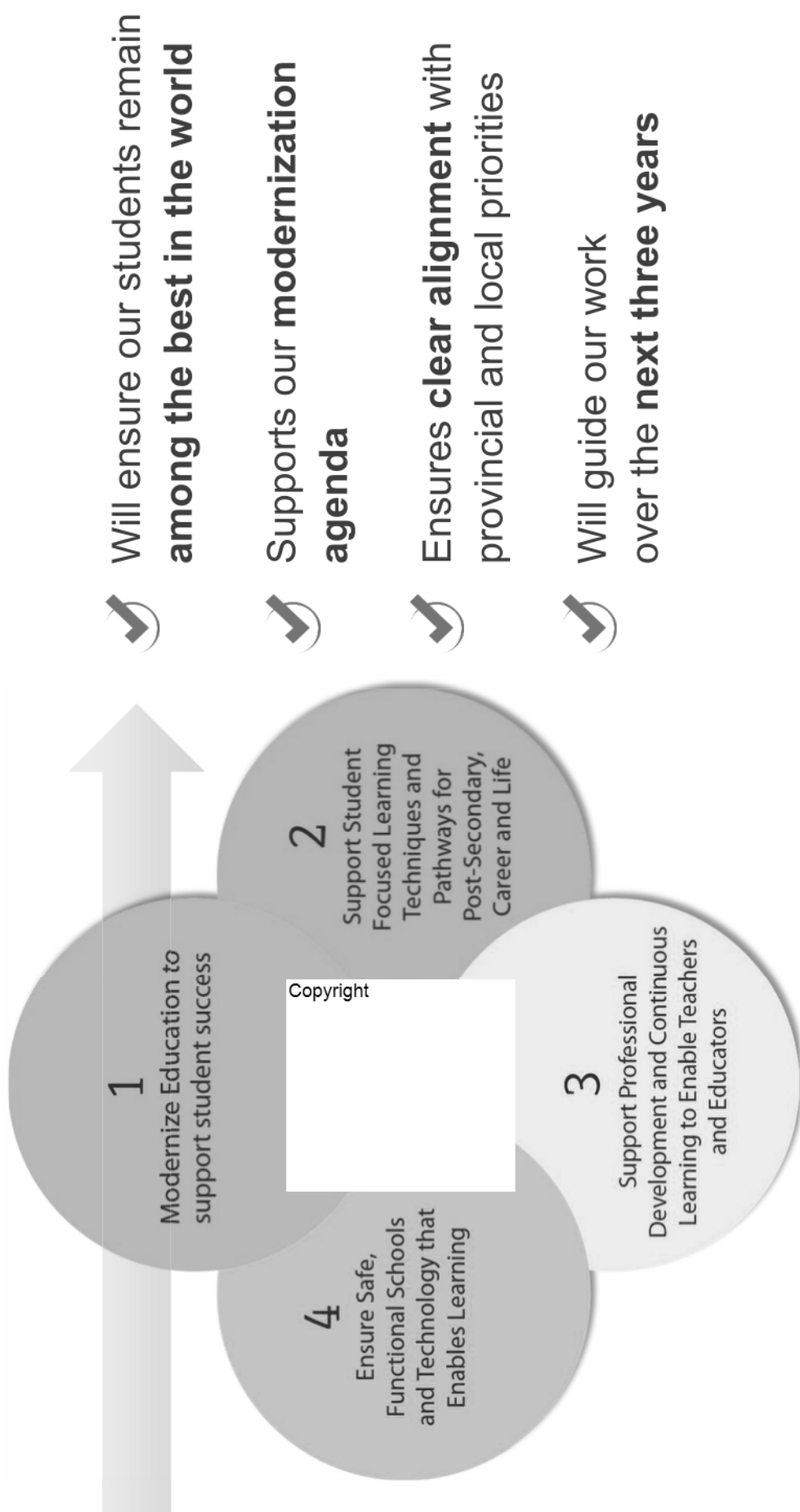
Classroom of the Future

- ✓ Increasing use of **technology** in education
- ✓ Goal is **equal access** in urban and rural schools
- ✓ **Rapid growth** of tech sector in BC

Advance learning for the workplace

- ✓ Employers expressing need for **nimble and adaptive skilled workers**
- ✓ In complement to knowledge development, **increasing focus on core competencies:** *communication, problem solving, teamwork, and emotional intelligence*
- ✓ Graduates will likely experience **multiple sectors, business lines, and a variety of roles**

Ministry Strategic Priorities for System Alignment



BC Curriculum Modernization – Core Competencies

Provincial consultation and extensive research identified these categories of **core competencies** that support **life-long learning**:

Thinking Competency:

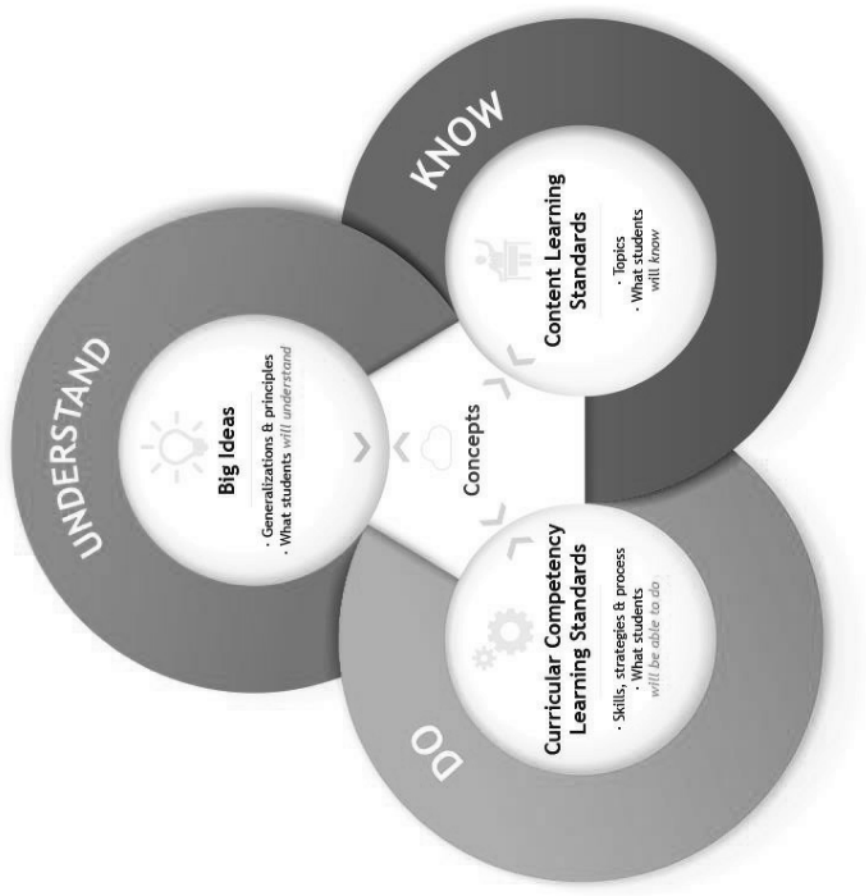
- ✓ Critical thinking
- ✓ Creative thinking

Communication Competency:

- ✓ Oral, written, visual, digital;
(includes *collaboration and reflection*)

Personal and Social Competency:

- ✓ Positive personal and cultural identity
- ✓ Personal awareness and responsibility
(includes *self-regulation*)
- ✓ Social awareness and responsibility





International Education System

Onshore

BC K-12 International Education – 2016/17

Copyright

Onshore *in* BC
20,438 Students

Copyright

BC Offshore
12,500 Students

- ✓ BC is a ***premier study destination*** of choice for ***K-12*** international ***students***
- ✓ Approximately ***1/3*** of Canada's international ***students choose BC***

Key Accomplishments:

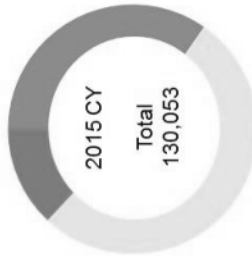
- ✓ **56%** increased enrolment in BC schools
- ✓ **300%** increased enrolment in BC offshore schools
- ✓ **Added 28** BC offshore schools and entered **3 new countries**
- ✓ **Signed** international-education-related **MOU with Colombia** in December 2016
- ✓ **10 MOUs** with foreign governments world-wide promoting international education

Economic Impact: 2010-2015

➤ International Education is now BC's 3rd LARGEST export

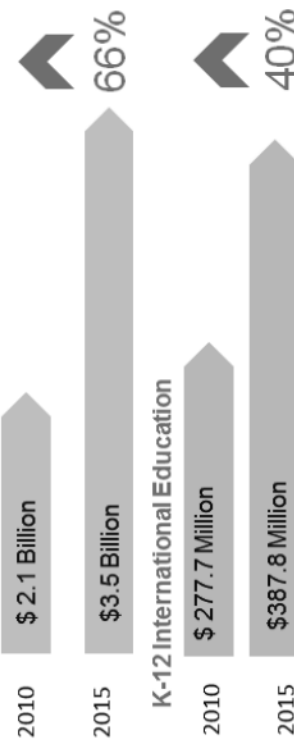
Enrolment Growth

Public Post-Secondary Private Post-Secondary Public/Independent K-12



Economic Growth

All International Education

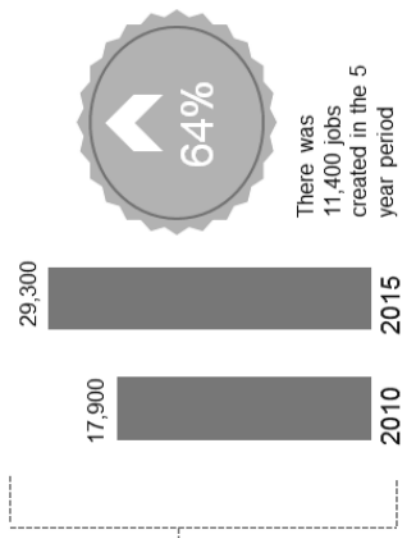



BC EXPORTS

IMPACT

Wood (including charcoal)	\$8,360 B
Mineral Fuels and Oils	\$5,853 B
International Education	\$3,504 B
Wood Pulp	\$3,382 B

Jobs Created





Offshore Schools

BC Offshore School Program – Overview

- ✓ BC Certified offshore schools offer the BC graduation program in schools outside Canada

- ✓ **20 years of success**

China, South Korea, Japan, Colombia, Egypt, France, Qatar and Thailand



In 2016/17 there are:

✓ **12,500 students**

✓ **775 BC certified teachers**

BC Offshore School Program

– Benefits for Partners and Students

Copyright

Educational foundation:

- ✓ **Best student outcomes** in Canada
- ✓ **Top ranking** English-speaking jurisdiction
- ✓ **BC** is a **global leader** in education modernization (curriculum, assessment and reporting)
- ✓ **Largest Canadian provincially certified offshore school program**

BC Offshore School Program – Graduates

- ✓ More than 2,000 BC offshore school graduates annually
- ✓ Graduates accepted by post-secondary institutions worldwide

Copyright

Offshore School Program – Owner/Operator Confidence

- ✓ **Globally-recognized curriculum**
- ✓ **Strong government support**
- ✓ **Dedicated ministry staff**
- ✓ **Experienced BC principal, BC - certified teachers**
- ✓ **Rigorous and well-defined application process**
- ✓ **Annual school inspections and reporting requirements**





Colegio Canadiense

Colegio Canadiense – Antioquia, Colombia

- ✓ **First BC offshore school** in South America (2013)
- ✓ **104** students (2016/17) in Grades 10-12
- ✓ **27%** enrolment increase over 2015/16
- ✓ **96%** Graduation Rate

Students graduate with:

- BC Dogwood
- A national Colombian diploma
- Cambridge Certificate of English

(Many students complete a semester abroad in BC)

Summary

- ✓ BC has a **world-class education system**
- ✓ Our **students** continue to rank **high** in national and international **assessments**
- ✓ **Celebrate** our successes, drive positive change, and **inspire students to achieve their best**
- ✓ **Strong working relationships** in the sector

Copyright

Thank You

Dave Byng – DEPUTY MINISTER

BC Ministry of Education



DM.Education@gov.bc.ca



BRITISH
COLUMBIA | Ministry of
Education

**DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA
COLLATERAL
MARCH 20 – 22, 2017**

Collateral

Will be carried by Dr. Randall Martin, BCCIE, to Colombia and delivered to the ^{s.22} on March 20, 2017 prior to the dinner.

Signed MOU to present to Colombia Minister or DM	Folder	English Spanish
BC For High School Brochures	150 copies	English
BC For High School Brochures	150 copies	Spanish
Dave Byng Biography	20 copies	English
BC-Canada Pins	300	

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA
GIFT LIST
MARCH 20 – 23, 2017

GIFTS			
DETAILS	TIME	RECIPIENT	GIFT
March 20, 2017 – Bogota			
Monday			
DETAILS	TIME	RECIPIENT	GIFT
Dinner	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Ms. Magali Boffet Trade Commissioner	Scarf
		Mr. Nicolas Cloutier Consul General and Counsellor	Silk Tie
March 21, 2017 – Bogota			
Tuesday			
DETAILS	TIME	RECIPIENT	GIFT
Meeting	11:00 am – 11:45 am	Ms. Luz Amparo Medina Head of the Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Ministry of Education	Scarf
Lunch**	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Ms. Yaneth Cristina Ciha Tovar Minister of Education ** May Attend	Aboriginal Carved Serving Dish
Meeting	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Mr. Pablo Jaramillo Deputy Minister of Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education	Large Aboriginal Carved Spoon
Meeting	3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Ms. Paola Trujillo Pulido Director of Quality for Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education	Scarf
Meeting	5:00 pm – 6 pm	Ms. Yasmin Sabbag Council President Colombian Canadian Chamber of Commerce	Scarf *Pins for Chamber of Commerce members

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA
GIFT LIST
MARCH 20 – 23, 2017

March 22, 2017 – Bogota			
Wednesday			
DETAILS	TIME	RECIPIENT	GIFT
Meeting	8:30 am – 9:30 am	Mr. Nicolas Cloutier Charge D’Affaires, Counsellor and Consul (highest ranking official)	
		Ms. Brenda Wills Senior Trade Commissioner	Scarf
		Ms. Magali Boffet, Trade Commissioner	Gift presented on March 20 th at dinner
Public School Visit La Estrellita	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Mr. German Lisandro Maldonado Diaz, Principal	Silk Tie *Pins for students
		Victoria Gomez Castillo, Adviser, Colombia Ministry of Education	Scarf
Colombian Association of Private Schools - Visits	2:00pm – 4:00pm	Mr. Juan Antonio Casas Principal, Gimnasio Campestre Principal Marymount School Principal Santa Maria School Manager of Study Union	Silk Tie Emily Carr cards Emily Carr cards Emily Carr cards Emily Carr cards *Pins for students
Transportation Company	4:30 pm	s.22 Driver	Aboriginal Design Coasters
		Daniel Gonzalez Transportation Company Owner	Silk Tie

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA
GIFT LIST
MARCH 20 – 23, 2017

March 23, 2017 – Medellin			
Thursday			
DETAILS	TIME	RECIPIENT	GIFT
Offshore School Visit	**pick up at 8:15 by s.22 9:30am – 12:00pm	Mr. Santiago Posada Owner/Operator BC Certified Offshore School in la Estrelia-Antioquia	Engraved Framed Picture – Artist Clarence Mills (wording below) *BC Pins for Students
		Mr. Gerardo Posada Cadavid Owner, BC Certified Offshore School in la Estrelia-Antioquia	Small Aboriginal Carved Spoon
		s.22 Driver	Silk Tie
Meeting	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Mr. Luis Guillermo Patino Secretary of Education of Medellin	Silk Tie
		Mr. Ryan Clark Director of Cooperation	Silk Tie
		Mr. Federico Gutierrez Mayor of Medellin	Silk Tie
		Mr. David Restrepo Bonett Education Secretary Department of Antioquia	Silk Tie
		Mr. Sergio Escobar, Director, Cooperation International Embassy	Silk Tie
Visit to Soccer of the Future	3:45pm – 4:45pm	Soccer of the Future players (8-12 years old)	2 deflated soccer balls, small tension squeeze balls, stickers (Whitecaps) ** BC Pins



Biography of David A. Byng

**Deputy Minister
Ministry of Education
Province of British Columbia, Canada
Email: dave.byng@gov.bc.ca**

Dave Byng has worked for the Province of British Columbia for 36 years and has been the Ministry of Education's Deputy Minister since July 28, 2014. His main focus is ensuring that British Columbia's students are supported in becoming capable young people, ready to thrive in a rapidly changing world. In support of this goal, Dave oversees British Columbia's \$5.9 billion K-12 education system - a system that consistently delivers some of the best student outcomes in the world.

Dave has over a decade of experience in senior executive roles with the Province of British Columbia, including positions in the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, British Columbia Railway Company, British Columbia Public Service Agency, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands. He has also provided provincial oversight of major crown corporations, and agencies such as WorkSafeBC, the Industry Training Authority and Destination BC, as well as a wide variety of agencies, boards and commissions.

In addition, Dave has led five international trade missions to British Columbia's top trading nations, including three for the Premier of British Columbia.

Dave is a governor on Royal Roads University's Board of Governors and is a director on the Immigrant Employers Council of British Columbia's Board of Directors.

Dave holds a Master of Arts in Leadership degree from Royal Roads University, a Certificate of Intercultural Studies from University of British Columbia and a Certificate of Advanced Project Management from Stanford University. In addition, the Institute of Corporate Directors and the University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management awarded Dave the ICD.D designation, as a qualified board director.

He is a recipient of the Premier's Award of Excellence and the Royal Roads University Founder's Award. Dave also holds fellowships with the Royal Canadian Geographical Society in Ottawa, the Royal Geographical Society in London, and the Explorers Club in New York City.

He currently resides in Victoria, British Columbia with his wife and two sons. Dave is an avid traveller, explorer and has a deep affection for European motorcycles.

ACCOMODATION INFORMATION
MARCH 17 – APRIL 2, 2017

BOGOTA March 17 – March 22			
Hotel Name	Contact Info	About	Status
s.22			Booked
MEDELLIN March 22 – March 26			
Hotel Name	Address	About	Status
s.22			Booked
CARTAGENA March 26 – April 2			
Hotel Name	Address	About	Status
s.22			Booked (1 night only)
			Booked (6 nights)
Note –Two reservation are made in Cartagena at the same hotel, as noted above.			

AIRPORT GREETING

DANIEL GONZALEZ

s.22

SERVICIOS DE TRANSPORTE

s.22

DAY TIME OPTIONS
March 18 – 24, 2017

March 18 - 19, 2017 - BOGOTA
Saturday and Sunday

What to do in Bogotá? *(information provided by Consul General)*

- ✓ The finest restaurants and bars are located at Zona G, Zona T and 93rd St Park. **(A MUST).**
- ✓ Catedral De Sal Zipaquirá Colombia, is a former salt mine that has been converted into a Cathedral <https://www.catedraldesal.gov.co/>.
- ✓ **The Gold Museum** is a famous museum that displays a selection of pre-Columbian gold and other metal alloys, pottery, stone, shell, wood and textile archaeological objects, these items, made of what to indigenous cultures
More info: <http://www.banrepcultural.org/museo-del-oro>
- ✓ **La Candelaria** is home to some of Bogotá's most popular museums and attractions. The neighborhood is an eclectic juxtaposition between old and new, historic and modern. The beautiful buildings are typical of Spanish colonial architecture. During the Candelaria sightseeing It would be interesting to visit: **1) The Botero Museum; 2) La Plaza de Bolívar**: main square in the heart of La Candelaria and at the center for some of the city's most important buildings and offices and **3) Monserrate**: A mountain that dominates the city center of Bogotá.

Shopping

Artesanías de Colombia. A corporation, ascribed to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Tourism of Colombia that promotes and contributes to the progress and development of traditional and modern Colombian handicrafts: <http://artesaniasdecolombia.com.co/>

Transportation Options

- **Canadian Embassy has recommended Transport Smart for pricing on car and driver**
 - **The Colombian Consulate recommends having a car and driver in Bogotá for the duration of the stay for safety and convenience**
 - **Cost for car and driver is \$15.00 per hour. Tours can be booked at a slightly higher cost – for instance a five hour tour to the Cathedral Salt Mines would be billed at \$110 US round trip**

DAY TIME OPTIONS
March 18 – 24, 2017

March 21, 2017 - BOGOTA
Tuesday

Daytime Options

During the day, there are several shopping centres in the vicinity of the recommended hotel. These are:

- Centro Comercial Andino
<http://www.centroandino.com.co/>
- Centro Comercial El Retiro
<http://www.elretirobogota.com/>
- Centro Comercial Atlantis Plaza
<http://atlantisplaza.com/en/>

Consul General Monica Pinzon confirms these are safe places to shop.

DAY TIME OPTIONS
March 18 – 24, 2017

March, 23 2017 - MEDELLIN
Thursday

What to do in Medellin?

- ✓ Plaza Botero – Home of Fernando Botero’s larger sculptures this plaza can be reached via the Parque Berrio metro station. Make sure to step inside the Museo de Antioquia, which faces the plaza;
- ✓ Parque Berrio – This small park is always filled with juice vendors and local street performers playing traditional Colombian music.

- ✓ Botanical Garden.
- ✓ Pueblito Paisa – Built on the top of Cerro Nutibarra, a small hill in the center of the valley. The hill offers terrific, near-360-degree views of the city.

March, 24, 2017 - MEDELLIN
Friday

s.22 will accompany Deputy Minister Byng and Mrs. Byng to to Guatapé and drop off at the hotel on return to Medellin.

DAY TIME OPTIONS

March 18 – 24, 2017

March, 26, 2017 – MEDELLIN - CARTAGENA

Sunday

Cartagena

Is the most beautiful city in the country. It was Founded in 1539. It's a port located on the northern coast of Colombia in the Caribbean Coast Region; it is the capital of the Bolívar Department and one of the most popular destinations on the rise in the world according to National Award for Quality in Tourism.

The Consul General recommends that the best things to visit in the city are: 1) **Castillo San Felipe** - a fortress that illustrates Spain's strength during its colonial reign in Colombia; 2) Centro Amurullado, Teatro Heredia, 3) and Covento la Popa.

The local restaurants are a MUST and the official Colombian Web page is:
<http://www.colombia.travel/en/where-to-go/andean/bogota#ctsections>

COLOMBIA CONTACT INFORMATION

Colombia Consul in Vancouver

*Consulate General of Colombia in Vancouver, Canada
1090 West Georgia Street Suite 1340
Hours of Operation : 9:00 am to 3:00 pm*

Name	Title	Office/Cell Number
Mónica Pinzón	Consul General of Colombia	Office: (604) 558-1775 Cell: s.22 s.22

Colombia Ministry of Education

*Calle 43 No. 57 – 14 Centro Administrativo Nacional, Bogotá
Hours of Operation 8:00am – 5:00 pm*

Name	Title	Office/Cell Number
Victoria Gomez Castillo	Advisor, Cooperation and International Affairs Office	Cell: s.22 s.22

Colegio Canadiense

*Carrera 51 No 97 sur 137
La Estrella- Antioquia- Colombia*

Name	Title	Office/Cell Number
Santiago Posada	Owner	Office: (51-4) 279-8848 Office: (57-4) 604-6181 ext 101 Email: santiago.posada@colegiocanadiense.edu.co
Rafael Posada Tamayo	International Relations Coordinator	Cell: s.22
Bruce Nicholson	Offshore School Representative	Cell:

BRITISH COLOMBIA CONTACT INFORMATION
MARCH 21 - 24, 2017

Ministry of Education <i>620 Superior Street, Victoria , BC</i> <i>V8V 2P8</i>		
Name	Title	Office/Cell Number
Ramona Soares	Assistant Deputy Minister International Education, Independent Schools and Partner Relations	Cell: s.17
Zita Teng	Executive Director Strategic Planning and Executive Operations	Cell:
Laura Sampson	Senior Executive Assistant Deputy Minister's Office	Cell:
Government Communications and Public Engagement		
Name	Title	Office/Cell Number
Brett Lowther	Communications Manager	Cell: s.17
BC Council for International Education		
Name	Title	Office/Cell Number
Dr. Randall Martin	Executive Director	Office: (604) 637-6753 Cell: s.17

CANADIAN EMBASSY CONTACT INFORMATION
MARCH 21 - 24, 2017

Canadian Embassy in Colombia

*Carrera 7 #114-33
Bogotá, Colombia*

*(57-1) 657-9800
bgota@international.gc.ca*

*Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 12:30 pm, 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Friday: 8:00 am - 1:30 pm*

24/7 Emergency Number: 1-613-996-8885
(Emergency Watch and Response Centre in Ottawa)

Name	Title	Office/Cell Number
Nicolas Cloutier	Charge D’Affaires, Counsellor and Consul (<i>Highest Ranking Official</i>)	Office: ^{s.16}
Magali Boffet	Trade Commissioner	Office: (57-1) 657-9800 Cell: ^{s.22}
Ryan Clark	Director of Cooperation	Office: (57-1) 657-9800

SECURITY

MARCH 21 – 24, 2017

Government of Canada Security Warnings

Information from Government of Canada Website <https://travel.gc.ca/destinations/colombia>

Colombia - Exercise a high degree of caution

Global Affairs Canada advises against all travel to the following areas:

- Most rural areas of Colombia due to the presence of illegal armed groups and the evolving security situation.
- The Departments of Antioquia (excluding Medellín), Arauca, Cauca, Caquetá, Chocó, Córdoba (excluding Montería), Guaviare, Huila, Meta, Nariño (excluding Pasto), Norte de Santander (excluding Cúcuta), Putumayo, Santander (excluding Bucaramanga), Tolima, Valle del Cauca (excluding Cali), Vichada and southern parts of La Guajira due to the presence of illegal armed groups.

Safety and Security

- **Travel Health Notice - Zika virus**
- **As of December 1, 2014, Canadians are required to pay a tax, at point of entry to customs official, to enter Colombia (appx. 59 USD)**
- Arrive at Medellín's José María Córdova International Airport during the day to avoid the road from the airport to the city after dark.
- Remain vigilant and be aware of your surroundings at all times when travelling in larger cities, such as Bogotá, Medellín and Cali.
- Avoid the southern parts of Bogotá, especially the neighbourhoods of Soacha and Ciudad Bolívar. Avoid the downtown area (Candelaria and surrounding neighbourhoods) after dark, and avoid the neighbourhoods of Kennedy and Usaquén (north of calle 153) at all times.
- In Medellín, avoid the city centre after dark and avoid areas not covered by the metro system.
- Business travellers and Canadian companies establishing operations in Colombia should take enhanced security measures to protect both personal and company assets.
- There have been reports of thieves posing as police officers and approaching foreigners to verify their documents or foreign currency. If approached, do not hand over money or documents unless you feel threatened—in which case you should not resist—and then request to do so at your hotel or other public place to maximize your safety.
- Road travel in Colombia, including Bogotá, is extremely dangerous.
- Public transportation is not safe; buses and, to a lesser extent, taxis are frequent targets for criminals.
- Do not hail taxis on the street, as express kidnappings often occur in unlicensed taxis; rather, book them through your hotel or through an authorized and controlled taxi centre and take note of the licence plate number.

**KEY OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
COLOMBIA MEETINGS
MARCH 21 – 24, 2017**

Key Objectives:

- Support and deliver on MOU obligations
- Promote BC Certified Offshore schools and the expansion of offshore schools in Colombia
- Strengthen existing relationship with Colegio Canadiense
- Reinforce Government's commitment to international education onshore
- Support existing educational partners and encourage future partnerships in other cities
- Deliver on key aspects of British Columbia's International Education Strategy, including:
 - Promotion of British Columbia as a high quality education destination; and
 - Promotion of the two-way global flow of students and ideas between countries
- Provide cross-sector support for additional trade and investment engagement
- Raise the profile of British Colombia's education system

Key Activities:

- Meeting with senior officials from the Canadian Embassy
- Meeting with senior education officials from Colombia national ministry responsible for education
- Meeting with Offshore school owner at Colegio Canadiense
- Meeting with students attending Colegio Canadiense
- Visit public and independent schools within Colombia
- Meetings with Colombian partners and business associates and informal discussions regarding BC-Colombia education relations

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA

PROTOCOL GIFT LIST						
Date	Name	Title	Location	Item	Cost	
21-Mar-17	Luz Amparo Medina	Head of the Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Ministry of Education	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
21-Mar-17	Pablo Jaramillo	Deputy Minister of Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education	Bogota	Large Aboriginal Carved Spoon	\$100.80	
21-Mar-17	Yaneth Cristina Ciha Tovar	Minister of Education	Bogota	Aboriginal Carved Serving Dish	\$67.20	
21-Mar-17	Paola Trujillo Pulido	Director of Quality for Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
21-Mar-17	Yasmin Sabbag	Council President, Colombian Chamber of Commerce	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
21-Mar-17	Bogota Chamber of Commerce	Bogota Chamber Members	Bogota	BC-Canada Pins (20)	\$90.00	
22-Mar-17	Magali Boffet	Trade Commissioner, Canadian Embassy	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
22-Mar-17	Brenda Wills	Senior Trade Commissioner, Canadian Embassy	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
22-Mar-17	Victoria Gomez Castillo	Advisor, Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Ministry of Education	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
22-Mar-17	German Lisandro Maldonado Diaz	Principal, La Estrellita School	Bogota	Tie	\$36.90	
22-Mar-17	Students - La Estrellita Public School	Students, La Estrellita Public School	Bogota	Pins (40)	\$180.00	
22-Mar-17	Juan Antonio Casas	Principal, Gimnasio Campestre	Bogota	Tie	\$36.90	
22-Mar-17	Students - Gimnasio Campestre	Students, Gimnasio Campestre	Bogota	BC-Canada Pins (40)	\$180.00	
22-Mar-17	Principal of Marymount School	Principal of Marymount School	Bogota	Emily Carr Cards	\$15.00	
22-Mar-17	Principal of Santa Maria School	Principal of Santa Maria School	Bogota	Emily Carr Cards	\$15.00	
22-Mar-17	Manager of Study Union	Manager of Study Union	Bogota	Emily Carr Cards	\$15.00	
23-Mar-17	Santiago Posada	Owner/Operator, Colegio Canadiense, BC Offshore School	Medellin	Engraved Framed Emily Carr Picture	\$60.00	
23-Mar-17	Gerardo Posada	Superintendent, Colegio Canadiense, BC Offshore School	Medellin	Small Aboriginal Carved Spoon	\$67.14	
23-Mar-17	Rafael Posada	International Relations Coordinator, Colegio Canadiense, BC Offshore School	Medellin	Tie	\$36.90	
23-Mar-17	Students - Colegio Canadiense	Students, Colegio Canadiense	Medellin	BC-Canada Pins (40)	\$180.00	
23-Mar-17	Soccer of the Future	Mr. Carlos Hernandez, Assistant Director	Medellin	Whitecaps Soccer Ball	N/C	
				Small Tension Squeeze Balls	N/C	
				Whitecaps Stickers	N/C	
				BC-Canada Pins (50)	\$225.00	
23-Mar-17	Luis Guillermo Patino	Secretary of Education of Medellin	Medellin	Tie	\$36.90	
23-Mar-17	Federico Gutierrez	Mayor of Medellin	Medellin	Tie	\$36.90	
23-Mar-17	Sergio Escobar	Executive Director of the Cooperation and Investment Agency for Medellin-ACI	Medellin	Tie	\$36.90	
23-Mar-17	David Restrepo Bonett	Education Secretary from the Department of Antioquia	Medellin	Tie	\$36.90	
				TOTAL COST	\$1,409.52	

Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX

From: Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 1:59 PM
To: 'MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO'
Cc: Teng, Zita EDUC:EX; Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: Dates

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Thank you Monica, I look forward to confirming the dates and getting a good program organized with you.

Cheers,
Dave

From: MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO [mailto:Monica.Pinzon@cancilleria.gov.co]
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX
Subject: Dates

Dave,

Today was a holiday in Colombia, I will check tomorrow the dates, and I will get back to you as soon I have a confirmation.

Best regards,

MONICA PINZON BUENO

Consul General of Colombia

General Consulate of Colombia in Vancouver

✉: monica.pinzon@cancilleria.gov.co

☎: 604-5581775

☎: Fax: 604 5669740

1340-1090 West Georgia Street, 13th Floor

Vancouver, B.C., V6E3V7

Canada



Consulado de Colombia en Vancouver

www.colombiaenvancouver.ca

www.cancilleria.gov.co



Antes de imprimir este e-mail, piense bien si es necesario hacerlo. En Cancillería estamos cuidando el medio ambiente. El medio ambiente depende de todos.

La información contenida en este correo electrónico y en todos sus archivos anexos, es confidencial y/o privilegiada y sólo puede ser utilizada por la(s) persona(s) a la(s) cual(es) está dirigida. Si usted no es el destinatario autorizado, cualquier modificación, retención, difusión, distribución o copia total o parcial de este mensaje y/o de la información contenida en el mismo y/o en sus archivos anexos está prohibida y son sancionadas por la ley, por favor sírvase borrarlos de inmediato.

This email is intended only for the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged, confidential or otherwise protected from disclosure. Dissemination, distribution or copying of this e-mail or the information herein by anyone other than the intended recipient, or an employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, is prohibited.

Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX

From: MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO <Monica.Pinzon@cancilleria.gov.co>
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 4:04 PM
To: Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX
Subject: FW: Agenda
Attachments: Tentative Agenda Dave Byng.docx

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Agenda printed for review, phone call scheduled. (LS)

Dave,

I am sending the Tentative Agenda for your visit.

Please let me know which days, are you planning to be there... Do you have in mind, Cartagena or other places to visit just for tourism?

Please call me, so we can start all the process to make your trip as great as we can.

Best regards,

MONICA PINZON BUENO

Consul General of Colombia

General Consulate of Colombia in Vancouver

✉: monica.pinzon@cancilleria.gov.co

☎: 604-5581775

☎: Fax: 604 5669740

1340-1090 West Georgia Street, 13th Floor

Vancouver, B.C., V6E3V7

Canada



www.colombiaenvancouver.ca

www.cancilleria.gov.co



Antes de imprimir este e-mail, piense bien si es necesario hacerlo. En Cancillería estamos cuidando el medio ambiente. El medio ambiente depende de todos.

La información contenida en este correo electrónico y en todos sus archivos anexos, es confidencial y/o privilegiada y sólo puede ser utilizada por la(s) persona(s) a la(s) cual(es) está dirigida. Si usted no es el destinatario autorizado, cualquier modificación, retención, difusión, distribución o copia total o parcial de este mensaje y/o de la información contenida en el mismo y/o en sus archivos anexos está prohibida y son sancionadas por la ley, por favor sírvase borrarlos de inmediato.

This email is intended only for the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged, confidential or otherwise protected from disclosure. Dissemination, distribution or copying of this e-mail or the information herein by anyone other than the intended recipient, or an employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, is prohibited.

From: Victoria Eugenia Gómez Castillo [<mailto:vigomez@mineducacion.gov.co>]

Sent: January-23-17 2:58 PM

To: MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO

Subject: RE: Agenda

Estimada Cónsul,

En adjunto envío agenda tentativa para la visita del Viceministro de Educación de la Provincia de British Columbia, Dave Byng.

Cordial saludo y quedo atenta.

Vicky

De: MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO [mailto:Monica.Pinzon@cancilleria.gov.co]

Enviado el: lunes, 23 de enero de 2017 03:48 p.m.

Para: Victoria Eugenia Gómez Castillo <vigomez@mineducacion.gov.co>

Asunto: RE: Agenda

Perfecto!

MONICA PINZON BUENO

Consul General of Colombia

General Consulate of Colombia in Vancouver

✉: monica.pinzon@cancilleria.gov.co

☎: 604-5581775

☎: Fax: 604 5669740

1340-1090 West Georgia Street, 13th Floor

Vancouver, B.C., V6E3V7

Canada



CANCILLERÍA



TODOS POR UN
NUEVO PAÍS
POR LA EQUIDAD EDUCACIÓN

Consulado de Colombia en Vancouver

www.colombiaenvancouver.ca

www.cancilleria.gov.co



Antes de imprimir este e-mail, piense bien si es necesario hacerlo. En Cancillería estamos cuidando el medio ambiente. El medio ambiente depende de todos.

La información contenida en este correo electrónico y en todos sus archivos anexos, es confidencial y/o privilegiada y sólo puede ser utilizada por la(s) persona(s) a la(s) cual(es) está dirigida. Si usted no es el destinatario autorizado, cualquier modificación, retención, difusión, distribución o copia total o parcial de este mensaje y/o de la información contenida en el mismo y/o en sus archivos anexos está prohibida y son sancionadas por la ley, por favor sírvase borrarlos de inmediato.

This email is intended only for the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged, confidential or otherwise protected from disclosure. Dissemination, distribution or copying of this e-mail or the information herein by anyone other than the intended recipient, or an employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, is prohibited.

From: Victoria Eugenia Gómez Castillo [mailto:vigomez@mineducacion.gov.co]

Sent: January-20-17 4:00 PM

To: MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO

Subject: RE: Agenda

hola monica,

te pido mil disculpas pero estos 2 dias me tocó salir del ministerio para atender unas reuniones urgentes y no alcancé. me comprometo a enviartela el lunes sin falta.

Cordial saludo,

Vicky

Enviado de Samsung Mobile

----- Mensaje original -----

De: MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO <Monica.Pinzon@cancilleria.gov.co>

Fecha: 20/01/2017 05:52 PM (GMT-05:00)

Para: Victoria Eugenia Gómez Castillo <vigomez@mineducacion.gov.co>

Cc:

Asunto: Agenda

Hola, te recomiendo la agenda... gracias,

MONICA PINZON BUENO

Consul General of Colombia

General Consulate of Colombia in Vancouver

✉: monica.pinzon@cancilleria.gov.co

☎: 604-5581775

☎: Fax: 604 5669740

1340-1090 West Georgia Street, 13th Floor

Vancouver, B.C., V6E3V7

Canada



CANCILLERÍA



TODOS POR UN
NUEVO PAÍS
UNA SIGUERA EDUCACIÓN

Consulado de Colombia en Vancouver

www.colombiaenvancouver.ca

www.cancilleria.gov.co



Antes de imprimir este e-mail, piense bien si es necesario hacerlo. En Cancillería estamos cuidando el medio ambiente. El medio ambiente depende de todos.

La información contenida en este correo electrónico y en todos sus archivos anexos, es confidencial y/o privilegiada y sólo puede ser utilizada por la(s) persona(s) a la(s) cual(es) está dirigida. Si usted no es el destinatario autorizado, cualquier modificación, retención, difusión, distribución o copia total o parcial de este mensaje y/o de la información contenida en el mismo y/o en sus archivos anexos está prohibida y son sancionadas por la ley, por favor sírvase borrarlos de inmediato.

This email is intended only for the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged, confidential or otherwise protected from disclosure. Dissemination, distribution or copying of this e-mail or the information herein by anyone other than the intended recipient, or an employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, is prohibited.

"CONFIDENCIALIDAD: Este mensaje y cualquier archivo anexo son confidenciales y para uso exclusivo del destinatario. Esta comunicación puede contener información protegida por derechos de autor. Si usted ha recibido este mensaje por error, equivocación u omisión queda estrictamente prohibida la utilización, copia, reimpresión y/o reenvío del mismo. En tal caso, por favor notificar, de forma inmediata al remitente y borrar el mensaje original y cualquier archivo anexo. Gracias.

CONFIDENTIALITY: This message and any of its attachments are confidential and for the exclusive use of their addressee. This communication may contain information protected under copyright laws. If you have received this message by error, mistake or omission, please be advised that the use, copy, printing or resending of this message becomes strictly prohibited. In such a case, please inform the sender immediately, and proceed to erase the original message and all of its attachments. Thank you."

CONFIDENCIALIDAD: Este mensaje y cualquier archivo anexo son confidenciales y para uso exclusivo del destinatario. Esta comunicación puede contener información protegida por derechos de autor. Si usted ha recibido este mensaje por error, equivocación u omisión queda estrictamente prohibida la utilización, copia, reimpresión y/o reenvío del mismo. En tal caso, por favor notificar, de forma inmediata al remitente y borrar el mensaje original y cualquier archivo anexo. Gracias.

CONFIDENTIALITY: This message and any of its attachments are confidential and for the exclusive use of their addressee. This communication may contain information protected under copyright laws. If you have received this message by error, mistake or omission, please be advised that the use, copy, printing or resending of this message becomes strictly prohibited. In such a case, please inform the sender immediately, and proceed to erase the original message and all of its attachments. Thank you.

"CONFIDENCIALIDAD: Este mensaje y cualquier archivo anexo son confidenciales y para uso exclusivo del destinatario. Esta comunicación puede contener información protegida por derechos de autor. Si usted ha recibido este mensaje por error, equivocación u omisión queda estrictamente prohibida la utilización, copia, reimpresión y/o reenvío del mismo. En tal caso, por favor notificar, de forma inmediata al remitente y borrar el mensaje original y cualquier archivo anexo. Gracias.

CONFIDENTIALITY: This message and any of its attachments are confidential and for the exclusive use of their addressee. This communication may contain information protected under copyright laws. If you have received this message by error, mistake or omission, please be advised that the use, copy, printing or resending of this message becomes strictly prohibited. In such a case, please inform the sender immediately, and proceed to erase the original message and all of its attachments. Thank you."

CONFIDENCIALIDAD: Este mensaje y cualquier archivo anexo son confidenciales y para uso exclusivo del destinatario. Esta comunicación puede contener información protegida por derechos de autor. Si usted ha recibido este mensaje por error, equivocación u omisión queda estrictamente prohibida la utilización, copia, reimpresión y/o reenvío del mismo. En tal caso, por favor notificar, de forma inmediata al remitente y borrar el mensaje original y cualquier archivo anexo. Gracias.

CONFIDENTIALITY: This message and any of its attachments are confidential and for the exclusive use of their addressee. This communication may contain information protected under copyright laws. If you have received this message by error, mistake or omission, please be advised that the use, copy, printing or resending of this message becomes strictly prohibited. In such a case, please inform the sender immediately, and proceed to erase the original message and all of its attachments. Thank you.

Dave Byng Deputy Minister of Education of the Province of British Columbia of Canada

Draft Agenda

Day 1 Bogotá

8:30-9:30 am	Meeting with Luz Amparo Medina, Head of the Cooperation and International Affairs Office-Ministry of Education
9:30-9:45am	COFFEE BREAK
9:45-10:45 am	Meeting with Pablo Jaramillo, Deputy Minister of Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education
10:45-12:00 am	Meeting with Paola Trujillo, Director of Quality for Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education
12:00-2:00 pm	LUNCH
2:00-3:00 pm	Meeting with Rosa Maria Cely, Manager of the Bilingualism Program
3:00-4:00 pm	Discussion of the working Plan (issues, scope, questions, etc.) Next steps to begin and put in practice the working plan
4:00-4:30pm	COFFEE BREAK
4:30-5:00pm	Commitments of the parties

Dave Byng Deputy Minister of Education of the Province of British Columbia of Canada

Draft Agenda

Day 2 Bogotá

8:30-9:30 am	Meeting with Canada Ambassador in Colombia, Donald Bobiash and Ryan Clark, Head of the Cooperation Affairs Office from the Embassy
10:30- 12:30pm	Visit to a Public School (to be determined)
1:00-2:00 pm	LUNCH
2:30-4:30 pm	Visit to a Private School (to be determined)
4:30pm	Travel to Medellin

Dave Byng Deputy Minister of Education of the Province of British Columbia of Canada

Draft Agenda

Day 3 Medellin

8:30-9:30 am	Meeting with Luis Guillermo Patiño Secretary of Education of Medellin
10:00- 12:00pm	Visit to a Public School (to be determined)
12:30-1:30 pm	LUNCH
2:30-4:30 pm	Visit to the Canadian School in la Estrella-Antioquia (45 minutes from Medellin)

Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX

From: Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 3:17 PM
To: Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX
Subject: FW: Coming to Colombia!

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

For setting up a call on Thursday (I think)

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

From: MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO [<mailto:Monica.Pinzon@cancilleria.gov.co>]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: Coming to Colombia!

Dave what a great news!
At what time on Thursday are you planning to come?
I look forward to talk about it!
Best,
Monica

MONICA PINZON BUENO
Consul General of Colombia
General Consulate of Colombia in Vancouver G:monica.pinzon@cancilleria.gov.co
m:604-5581775
6:Fax: 604 5669740
1340-1090 West Georgia Street,13th Floor Vancouver, B.C., V6E3V7 Canada

www.colombiaenvancouver.ca
www.cancilleria.gov.co

P Antes de imprimir este e-mail, piense bien si es necesario hacerlo. En Cancillería estamos cuidando el medio ambiente.El medio ambiente depende de todos.

La información contenida en este correo electrónico y en todos sus archivos anexos, es confidencia l y/o privilegiada y sólo puede ser utilizada por la(s) persona(s) a la(s) cual(es) está dirigida. Si usted no es el destinatario autorizado, cualquier modificación, retención, difusión, distribución o copia total o parcial de este mensaje y/o de la información contenida en el mismo y/o en sus archivos anexos está prohibida y son sancionadas por la ley, por favor sírvase borrarlo de inmediato.

This email is intended only for the person or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged, confidential or otherwise protected from disclosure. Dissemination, distribution or copying of this e-mail or the information herein by anyone other than the intended recipient, or an employee or agent responsible for delivering the message to the intended recipient, is prohibited.

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

From: Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX [<mailto:Dave.Byng@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: February-19-17 11:07 PM

To: MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO

Cc: Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX; Cheryl Byng; Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX; Teng, Zita EDUC:EX

Subject: Coming to Colombia!

Hello Monica,

I've received the final confirmation approving my trip to Columbia to join your officials formalizing our education agreement, developing the associated work plan and visiting related schools.

This will be primarily a personal visit to your country, that I will be funding myself, as I will be there for approximately two weeks and my wife, Cheryl, will be joining me.

I've reviewed your draft program, which I think meets our needs, and I was wondering if you are available Thursday late afternoon this week, to meet and discuss the details. Please confirm.

For your planning purposes, we intend to depart Victoria on March 18 and return April 2. That should provide sufficient time to take care of my official duties and have the opportunity to get to know Colombia a bit better on a personal level.

We are very excited to explore your country and further the relationship between our jurisdictions.

Best regards,

Dave

Dave Byng

Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX

From: White, Emily EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:24 AM
To: Teng, Zita EDUC:EX
Cc: Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX
Subject: FW: RSVP - Deputy Minister Dave Byng

Emily White, Data Librarian

BC Ministry of Education – Analysis & Reporting Unit
Phone: 250 812-6917
Email: emily.white@gov.bc.ca

From: MARIA XIMENA ESPITIA MEZA [<mailto:Ximena.Espitia@cancilleria.gov.co>]
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 9:22 AM
To: Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX
Cc: White, Emily EDUC:EX; MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO
Subject: FW: RSVP - Deputy Minister Dave Byng
Mr

DAVE BYNG

Ministry of Education
Vancouver, Canada

Dear Mr Byng:

I am writing you on behalf of the General Consul of Colombia, Mónica Pinzón Bueno. As she didn't receive confirmation for the meeting schedule for today at 9:30, she asked me to send you some initial information for your trip to Colombia.

We are already working on the specific agenda for the visit, so we will inform you as soon as possible:

Bogotá

Bogotá is the capital and largest city in Colombia. It is located 2600 meters/ 8,600 feet above sea level, so the first day I recommend you to rest a little bit at the Hotel.

There are many Hotel options but you can start your search visiting these web pages:

- **Four Points by Sheraton**
<http://en.ghlhoteles.com/>
Address: Carrera 18 # 93 A - 83.
Located in the exclusive district of Chicó in Bogotá.
- **JW Marriott Hotel Bogotá**
<http://www.marriott.com/>
Address: Calle 73 No 8-60
Located at the heart of the financial and entertainment district of Bogotá.
- **Hotel Tequendama**
www.tequendamahotel.com
Address: Carrera 10 No 26-21
Located at the heart of Bogotá and within a 15 minute drive to El Dorado International Airport, offers all the services of a **5-star hotel**.
- **Hotel de la Opera**
Address: Calle 10 No. 5-72, Candelaria
<http://www.hotelopera.com.co/>

Located at the historical and cultural heart of Bogota.

- **BOG Hotel**

Address: Carrera 11 N° 86-74

<http://www.boghotel.com>

Located in the popular Zona T

Please, if you choose any other option try to find an hotel near these locations to avoid any security situation. As in any big city pickpocketing is a normal risk.

What to do in Bogotá?

- ✓ The finest restaurants and bars are located at Zona G, Zona T and 93rd St Park. **(A MUST).**
- ✓ **The Gold Museum** is a famous museum that displays a selection of pre-Columbian gold and other metal alloys, pottery, stone, shell, wood and textile archaeological objects, these items, made of what to indigenous cultures
More info: <http://www.banrepcultural.org/museo-del-oro>
- ✓ **La Candelaria** is home to some of Bogotá's most popular museums and attractions. The neighborhood is an eclectic juxtaposition between old and new, historic and modern. The beautiful buildings are typical of Spanish colonial architecture. During the Candelaria sightseeing It would be interesting to visit: **1) The Botero Museum;**
2) La Plaza de Bolivar: main square in the heart of La Candelaria and at the center for some of the city's most important buildings and offices and **3) Monserrate:** A mountain that dominates the city center of Bogotá.

Shopping

Thinking on your wife, she can find Colombian souvenirs, at the lovely store: **Artesanías de Colombia**. It is a corporation, ascribed to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Tourism of Colombia that promotes and contributes to the progress and development of traditional and modern Colombian handicrafts. She can visit the web page: <http://artesantiasdecolombia.com.co/>

Medellin

Medellin, capital of Antioquia department, has a pleasant climate of around 24°C; offers modern transport systems like Metro and Metro Cable. During your visit to the '**City of Eternal Spring**' I recommend you to book one of the following hotels, ore near the area:

- **Dann Carlton**
www.danncarlton.com
Carrera 43aNo 7-50
- **Hotel Park**
<http://www.hotelpark10.com.co>
Carrera 36 B No. 11 – 12 El Poblado

What to do in Medellin?

They are several things to visit during your trip but the main attractions are: 1) **Plaza Botero** – Home of Fernando Botero's larger sculptures this plaza can be reached via the Parque Berrio metro station. Make sure to step inside the **Museo de Antioquia**, which faces the plaza; 2) **Parque Berrio** – This small park is always filled with juice vendors and local street performers playing traditional Colombian music. 3) **Botanical Garden**; 4) **Pueblito Paisa** – Built on the top of Cerro Nutibarra, a small hill in the center of the valley. The hill offers terrific, near-360-degree views of the city.

Cartagena

Is the most beautiful city in the country. It was Founded in 1539. It's a port located on the northern coast of Colombia in the Caribbean Coast Region; it is the capital of the Bolívar Department and one of the most popular destinations on the rise in the world according to National Award for Quality in Tourism.

There are many hotel options. I kindly suggest one of the followings:

- **Hotel Santa Clara**
<http://www.sofitel.com/>
Calle Del Torno 39-29 Barrio San Diego

- **Hotel Las Américas**
www.hotellasamericas.com.co
Anillo Vial Sector Cielo Mar
- **Hotel Hilton**
<http://www3.hilton.com/>
Avenida Almirante Brion, El Laguito
- **Hotel Casablanca**
<http://www.hotelcartagenacasablancabyb.com/>
Calle del Tejadillo N° 38-71
- **Casa Pestagua**
<http://www.hotelboutiquecasapestagua.com>
Calle de Santo Domingo #33-63

The best things to visit in the city are: 1) **Castillo San Felipe** - It's a fortress that illustrates Spain's strength during its colonial reign in Colombia; 2) Centro Amurullado, Teatro Heredia, 3) and Covento la Popa.

The Local restaurants are a MUST

The official Colombian Web page is: <http://www.colombia.travel/en/where-to-go/andean/bogota#ctsections>

Best regards,

MX

MARIA XIMENA ESPITIA MEZA

Cónsul de Primera

Consulate of Colombia in Vancouver

✉: Ximena.Espitia@cancilleria.gov.co

☎: 604-5581775

☎: Fax: 604 5669740

1340-1090 West Georgia Street, 13th Floor

Vancouver, B.C., V6E3V7

Canada



www.colombiaenvancouver.ca

www.cancilleria.gov.co

Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX

From: Teng, Zita EDUC:EX
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX
Subject: FW: Medellin Update

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

FYI -

From: Soares, Ramona EDUC:EX
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX
Cc: Teng, Zita EDUC:EX
Subject: Medellin Update

Hi Dave

Mr. Rafael Posada (offshore school owner) has reached out to us today to confirm they have an opportunity for a media interview in Medellin with El Colombiano Newspaper.

website: www.elcolombiano.com

Circulation: Daily 230,000 readers Weekends 340,000

Notes: Most read newspaper in Antioquia province: third most read newspaper in Colombia

Proposed time: March 23; time TBD.

Let me know if you are ok with this.

Ramona Soares
Assistant Deputy Minister
Ministry of Education
604 396 6132

Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX

From: Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX
Subject: Fwd: Bag

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Randall Martin <martin@bccie.bc.ca>
Date: March 19, 2017 at 8:35:03 AM PDT
To: "dave.byng@gov.bc.ca" <dave.byng@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Bag

Hi Dave

Bienvenidos a Colombia

s.22

Enjoy

Randall

Sent from my iPhone.
Please excuse brevity and typos.

Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX

From: Soares, Ramona EDUC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Byng, Dave A EDUC:EX
Cc: Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX; Teng, Zita EDUC:EX
Subject: March 23 itinerary - updated
Attachments: N. March 23 Itinerary Agenda only.docx

Hi Dave,

Attached is an updated itinerary for Thursday, March 23rd in Medellin.
As the meeting with the Mayor has changed to 8 am, we have had to adjust the day accordingly.

Key changes: (also reflected in itinerary)

- 7:00 am pickup at Hotel by s.22 – Ryan Clark (Canadian Embassy diplomat) will meet DM Byng and CG Pinzon in lobby
- 8:00 am – 8:30 am – Meeting with Mayor of Medellin
- 8:30 am – 10:00 am – Travel to Offshore School
- 8:30 am – 10:00 am - Mrs. Byng and Randall Martin will be picked up at hotel by 2nd vehicle arranged by the s.22 and travel to Offshore School
- 10:00 am – 1:00 pm – Tour of Offshore School and lunch
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm – Police escort will meet delegation at Offshore school and escort them to Soccer of the Future
- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Soccer of the Future Visit
- 5:00 pm – 5:40 pm – Refresh Time at hotel
- 5:40 pm – 6:00 pm – Deputy Byng and CG Pinzon to meet s.22 in lobby of hotel and s.22 will escort to interview (15 minutes allocated for interview)
- 6:00 pm – Travel to restaurant for dinner
- 6:15 pm – 7:30 pm – Dinner with s.22, CG Pinzon, Ryan Clark and Randall Martin
- 7:45 pm – Return to Hotel

Monica has also received this updated itinerary.

Thanks.

Ramona Soares

Assistant Deputy Minister

Ministry of Education

International Education | Independent Schools | Partner Relations

C: 604-396-6132

Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX

From: Soares, Ramona EDUC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 9:48 AM
To: Teng, Zita EDUC:EX; Sampson, Laura EDUC:EX
Subject: FW: Visita del Viceministro de Educación de la Provincia de Columbia Británica a Colombia

FYI

Ramona Soares

Assistant Deputy Minister
Ministry of Education
International Education | Independent Schools | Partner Relations
C: 604-396-6132

From: MARIA XIMENA ESPITIA MEZA [<mailto:Ximena.Espitia@cancilleria.gov.co>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 9:40 AM
To: Isaac, Chrysstena D EDUC:EX; Sheppard, Grant EDUC:EX; Soares, Ramona EDUC:EX
Cc: MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO
Subject: FW: Visita del Viceministro de Educación de la Provincia de Columbia Británica a Colombia

Dear Chrysstena:

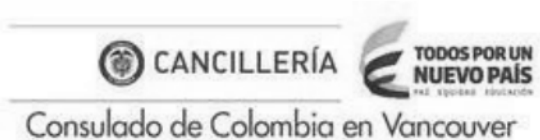
Please find attached the link with the official photos: <http://vancouver.consulado.gov.co/newsroom/news/2017-03-21/13611>

Cordially,

MX

MARIA XIMENA ESPITIA MEZA

Cónsul de Primera
Consulate of Colombia in Vancouver
✉: Ximena.Espitia@cancilleria.gov.co
☎: 604-5581775
☎: Fax: 604 5669740
1340-1090 West Georgia Street, 13th Floor
Vancouver, B.C., V6E3V7
Canada



www.colombiaenvancouver.ca
www.cancilleria.gov.co

Webmaster - CM
GIT de Prensa y Comunicación Corporativa
Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
webmaster@cancilleria.gov.co
57(1) 381 4000, Ext: 1414, Fax: 57(1) 561 1796
Calle 10 No. 5 – 51 Palacio de San Carlos
Bogotá. Colombia
www.cancilleria.gov.co

Declinación de responsabilidades: La información publicada por el **Equipo Digital** en las páginas web a cargo del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores es responsabilidad del jefe de misión o del director del área encargada. El Equipo Digital parte del supuesto de que el emisor de la solicitud de publicación tiene el aval de su jefe inmediato, por lo tanto, no se hace responsable del filtro de información confidencial y reservada, conforme a lo previsto en el instructivo "Recomendaciones para publicación en las páginas web del Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores".

De: MARIA XIMENA ESPITIA MEZA

Enviado el: martes, 21 de marzo de 2017 5:32 p. m.

Para: Webmaster <webmaster@cancilleria.gov.co>

Asunto: FW: Visita del Viceministro de Educación de la Provincia de Columbia Británica a Colombia

From: MARIA XIMENA ESPITIA MEZA

Sent: viernes, 17 de marzo de 2017 12:00 p.m.

To: JULIANA DIAZ ANGUEYRA

Subject: RE: Visita del Viceministro de Educación de la Provincia de Columbia Británica a Colombia

Juli:

Los docs anunciados

From: MARIA XIMENA ESPITIA MEZA

Sent: viernes, 17 de marzo de 2017 11:45 a.m.

To: JULIANA DIAZ ANGUEYRA; MONICA JULIETA PINZON BUENO

Cc: comunicacionescancilleria; CAROLINA SOTO RAMIREZ; STEVE ALBERT ADAMES BERNAL

Subject: RE: Visita del Viceministro de Educación de la Provincia de Columbia Británica a Colombia

Buenos tardes Juliana:

Con el Visto Bueno de la Cónsul General en Vancouver, Mónica Pinzón Bueno, muy atentamente me permito solicitar su ayuda para divulgar la siguiente información :

BORRADOR COMUNICADO

Bogotá, 21 de marzo de 2017

Bogotá (mar. 21/17).La Cónsul de Colombia en Vancouver, Mónica Pinzón Bueno, acompañará esta semana al Viceministro de Educación de la Provincia de Columbia Británica, señor Dave Byng, durante su estadía en Bogotá y Medellín.

Esta visita es el primer resultado concreto alcanzado tras la firma del Memorando de Entendimiento suscrito entre el Ministerio de Educación Nacional de Colombia y el Ministerio de Educación de la Provincia de Columbia Británica de Canadá realizada el pasado 14 de diciembre de 2016.

También hará parte de esta Delegación, el Doctor Randall Martin, Director Ejecutivo del Concejo de Educación Internacional de la Provincia de Columbia Británica, quien paralelamente sostendrá diferentes reuniones tendientes a buscar opciones de intercambios educativos bilaterales.

Adjunto la Biografía del Viceministro y el Memorando de Entendimiento firmado

Quedo atenta si requieren más información. (La Cónsul Mónica nos enviará fotos en la medida de su posibilidad)

Copio al Programa Colombia Nos Une, para ver si la información puede ser allí publicada.

Mil gracias por su ayuda,

Att,

MX

MARIA XIMENA ESPITIA MEZA

Cónsul de Primera

Consulate of Colombia in Vancouver

✉: Ximena.Espitia@cancilleria.gov.co

☎: 604-5581775

☎: Fax: 604 5669740

1340-1090 West Georgia Street, 13th Floor

Vancouver, B.C., V6E3V7

Canada



www.colombiaenvancouver.ca

www.cancilleria.gov.co

DEPUTY MINISTER MEETINGS IN COLOMBIA

PROTOCOL GIFT LIST						
Date	Name	Title	Location	Item	Cost	
21-Mar-17	Luz Amparo Medina	Head of the Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Ministry of Education	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
21-Mar-17	Pablo Jaramillo	Deputy Minister of Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education	Bogota	Large Aboriginal Carved Spoon	\$100.80	
21-Mar-17	Yaneth Cristina Ciha Tovar	Minister of Education	Bogota	Aboriginal Carved Serving Dish	\$67.20	
21-Mar-17	Paola Trujillo Pulido	Director of Quality for Preschool, Elementary and Secondary Education	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
21-Mar-17	Yasmin Sabbag	Council President, Colombian Chamber of Commerce	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
21-Mar-17	Bogota Chamber of Commerce	Bogota Chamber Members	Bogota	BC-Canada Pins (20)	\$90.00	
22-Mar-17	Magali Boffet	Trade Commissioner, Canadian Embassy	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
22-Mar-17	Brenda Wills	Senior Trade Commissioner, Canadian Embassy	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
22-Mar-17	Victoria Gomez Castillo	Advisor, Cooperation and International Affairs Office, Ministry of Education	Bogota	Ladies Scarf	\$30.18	
22-Mar-17	German Lisandro Maldonado Diaz	Principal, La Estrellita School	Bogota	Tie	\$36.90	
22-Mar-17	Students - La Estrellita Public School	Students, La Estrellita Public School	Bogota	Pins (40)	\$180.00	
22-Mar-17	Juan Antonio Casas	Principal, Gimnasio Campestre	Bogota	Tie	\$36.90	
22-Mar-17	Students - Gimnasio Campestre	Students, Gimnasio Campestre	Bogota	BC-Canada Pins (40)	\$180.00	
22-Mar-17	Principal of Marymount School	Principal of Marymount School	Bogota	Emily Carr Cards	\$15.00	
22-Mar-17	Principal of Santa Maria School	Principal of Santa Maria School	Bogota	Emily Carr Cards	\$15.00	
22-Mar-17	Manager of Study Union	Manager of Study Union	Bogota	Emily Carr Cards	\$15.00	
23-Mar-17	Santiago Posada	Owner/Operator, Colegio Canadiense, BC Offshore School	Medellin	Engraved Framed Emily Carr Picture	\$60.00	
23-Mar-17	Gerardo Posada	Superintendent, Colegio Canadiense, BC Offshore School	Medellin	Small Aboriginal Carved Spoon	\$67.14	
23-Mar-17	Rafael Posada	International Relations Coordinator, Colegio Canadiense, BC Offshore School	Medellin	Tie	\$36.90	
23-Mar-17	Students - Colegio Canadiense	Students, Colegio Canadiense	Medellin	BC-Canada Pins (40)	\$180.00	
23-Mar-17	Soccer of the Future	Mr. Carlos Hernandez, Assistant Director	Medellin	Whitecaps Soccer Ball	N/C	
				Small Tension Squeeze Balls	N/C	
				Whitecaps Stickers	N/C	
				BC-Canada Pins (50)	\$225.00	
23-Mar-17	Luis Guillermo Patino	Secretary of Education of Medellin	Medellin	Tie	\$36.90	
23-Mar-17	Federico Gutierrez	Mayor of Medellin	Medellin	Tie	\$36.90	
23-Mar-17	Sergio Escobar	Executive Director of the Cooperation and Investment Agency for Medellin-ACI	Medellin	Tie	\$36.90	
23-Mar-17	David Restrepo Bonett	Education Secretary from the Department of Antioquia	Medellin	Tie	\$36.90	
				TOTAL COST	\$1,409.52	