

McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 8:05 AM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: At Starbucks below pvc

Assuming weather was good for flying?

Carolyn Dickinson

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From: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 8:18 AM
To: 'd.hayer@leg.bc.ca'
Cc: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Subject: Re: Letter to Min of Education re: Independent schools boards of education

Dave, I know we talked briefly about this in the past. The principle of the ask is quite reasonable, I am just unsure about Charter implications. I will get a staff report on this issue.

Realistically, even if the legislation was ready, getting it on the agenda for the Spring session would be difficult.

Have you thought about bringing it forward as a private members bill- at least you would have greater control over it at that level?

We can talk more about this at caucus today if you wish.

Don

From: Hayer, Dave [mailto:D.Hayer@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 10:37 PM Pacific Standard Time
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX;^{s.17} Bond, Shirley B JAG:EX; XT:Hogg, G LP:IN; Elloway, Chantel LASS:EX; Hayer.MLA, Dave LASS:EX; XT:Hayer, D LP:IN
Subject: Letter to Min of Education re: Independent schools boards of education

Original Letter Delivered by Hand

January 22, 2013

Hon. Don McRae
Minister of Education
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C., V8V 1X4

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Dave S. Hayer, MLA
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CC: Premier Christy Clark
CC: Minister of Justice & Attorney General
CC: Caucus Chair Gordon Hogg

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From: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 8:22 AM
To: Hogg.MLA, Gordon LASS:EX; Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Subject: Re: phone call follow up

Carolyn,
I think we have talked about this issue in the past. Can we provide answers as per the questions below and if not, can I get an explanation why we are blocked by the FOI process.

Don

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

From: Hogg.MLA, Gordon [<mailto:Gordon.Hogg.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 02:57 PM Pacific Standard Time
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: FW: phone call follow up

Is there an answer to these queries that can be provided.^{s.22}
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From: Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane
Sent: January-21-13 10:10 AM
To: Thornthwaite, Jane
Subject: FW: Meeting with MLA Thornthwaite - epact

Also printed and on your desk.

From: Christine Sommers [<mailto:christine@epactnetwork.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2013 5:10 PM
To: Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane
Cc: 'ICE4 Kirsten Telford'
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Chris

From: Christine Sommers [<mailto:christine@epactnetwork.com>]
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Sent: January-15-13 6:08 PM

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From: Gorman, James EDUC:EX
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Interesting idea. I will follow up.

James Gorman
Deputy Minister of Education

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Subject: Eta?

Carolyn Dickinson

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Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 9:31 AM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: Union Bay

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Brian

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Knudsen, Mark [Mark.Knudsen@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 9:54 AM
Subject: Message of the Day: New visual, media and design facility for Emily Carr University

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With Premier Christy Clark announcing today that the B.C. government will invest in a new visual, media and design facility for Emily Carr University of Art & Design, the provincial government is continuing its commitment to ensure British Columbia students have the skills they need to succeed.

Messages:

- It's important that we continue to invest in post-secondary education and facilities despite these tough times. Under B.C.'s Jobs Plan, we're readying British Columbia for the jobs that exist today and those we expect tomorrow.
- We want to make sure B.C. students are first in line for the jobs that are coming to British Columbia and have the right skills, in the right places, at the right times – which is why we invested \$75 million in additional skills training funding.
- The new Emily Carr campus will provide state-of-the-art facilities that will attract domestic and international students and consolidate the university's reputation as a leader in arts, media and design.
- Our government invests more than \$100 million annually the Industry Training Authority – almost \$33 million more than it did in 2004 when the ITA was established.

Link to news release: <http://bit.ly/UV4zsE>

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To: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX; Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX; XT:Lineker, Dianne E LASS:IN; McRae, Don; McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Cc: Phelps, Blair LASS:EX; Mills, Shane PREM:EX; Chalmers, Jennifer PREM:EX; 'Marshall, Thomas PREM:EX'; James, Ben LASS:EX; 'sam.oliphant@bcliberals.com'; Wizinsky, Jennifer LASS:EX; Dobrowolski, Dayna LASS:EX; Kay, Maclean PREM:EX; Kerr, Carleen PREM:EX; Marley, Jared LASS:EX; Tomasino Rodriguez, Vanesa LASS:EX
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I agree completely.

Kevin Falcon

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CC: Premier Christy Clark
CC: Minister of Justice & Attorney General
CC: Caucus Chair Gordon Hogg

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Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 1:16 PM
Subject: Issue Alert: Committee recommends the reappointment of the Auditor General

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Today, the Select Standing Committee unanimously recommended John Doyle be appointed to a second term as Auditor General, ending on October 31, 2015.

- British Columbians deserve to have confidence in the independent officers of the Legislature.
- The current selection process has flaws. Premier Christy Clark is moving to ensure the Auditor General selection process stands above political concerns and will introduce legislation that the position be for one, eight-year term.
- We believe this is a sensible and reasonable approach to appointing such an important position.
- The recommendation to appoint Mr. Doyle for a further two years, so he serves an eight-year term, was a unanimous decision of the committee.

Link to report: <http://bit.ly/10K1rot>

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From: Dixon, Kevin [Kevin.Dixon@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 3:16 PM
Subject: Caucus Presentations
Attachments: s.3 - out of scope of the Act - MLA Buisness

*** This message has been sent to all Government MLAs ***

Good afternoon,

Please find attached Minister MacDiarmid's PowerPoint presentations from today's Caucus meeting for your information.

Thanks,

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Manager of Operations
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Subject: Event for Bike BC?

Hi, everyone,

Is Minister McRae still interested in doing an event for Bike BC?

The News Release is ready to go.

Thanks,

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Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 4:02 PM
Subject: Proactive Communications - Wednesday, January 23

Proactive Communications
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Events:

New media and design facility for Emily Carr University

Lead: Office of the Premier (Premier Clark, Minister Yap, Minister Bennett)

Location: Vancouver

News Releases:

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Opinion-Editorial:

- **ENERGY, MINES and NATURAL GAS – HELPING CUSTOMERS UNDERSTAND SMART METERS, MINISTER COLEMAN** - I am writing to assure your readers that BC Hydro will be working with its customers over the next several months to help them understand the benefits of new smart meters prior to final installation.

Talk Radio:

- **COMMUNITY, SPORT and CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT** – Minister Bennett on CKNW with Bill Good. Topic: Film industry.
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In the News / On Tour:

Today:

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- **AGRICULTURE** – Minister Letnick presents Diamond Jubilee medals at the Pacific Agri-Show gala in Abbotsford. (NR to go Jan 24)

Thursday:

- **PREMIER'S OFFICE** – Premier Clark delivers a speech to a women's event in Chilliwack.
- **ADVANCED EDUCATION, INNOVATION and TECHNOLOGY** -- Minister Yap announces Skills and Training Plan funding for the University of the Fraser Valley in Chilliwack.
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- **EDUCATION** - Premier Clark and Minister McRae release proposed framework for negotiating 10-year contract with BCTF in Surrey.
- **HEALTH** – Minister MacDiarmid speaks at the Illuminations Fundraising Luncheon at the BC Women's Hospital Foundation in Vancouver.
- **HEALTH** – Minister Sultan presents Surrey with an age-friendly grant for 2013.
- **JUSTICE** – Minister Bond will issue a statement on Auditor General John Doyle's report on the JUSTIN system.
- **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT** – Minister Stilwell meets with federal reps in Ottawa.
- **TRANSPORTATION** – Minister Polak and Global BC will tour an avalanche prevention program above Hwy 99 near Pemberton.

Sonia Lowe, Media Relations Officer | Government Communications and Public Engagement
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From: Knudsen, Mark [Mark.Knudsen@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 4:18 PM
Subject: News You Can Use: Helping Customers Understand Smart Meters

News You Can Use: Helping Customers Understand Smart Meters

Link to Min. Coleman's Op-Ed: <http://bit.ly/XZ9A42>

Key Messages

- BC Hydro will not install a new meter without the homeowner's consent and will work directly with customers to address their individual concerns.
- BC Hydro has a responsibility to ensure safe, cost-effective electricity delivery to homes and businesses in British Columbia. The Smart Metering Program is part of this service delivery.
- Over 1.7 million smart meters have been installed across the province under the Program; however, this grid upgrade cannot be completed until all customers have new meters. BC Hydro owns the meters. Under the Service Agreement between BC Hydro and its customers, BC Hydro is able to exchange existing meters with smart meters as part of the Program.
- The Province recently extended the deadline for smart meter installations to December 31, 2013. This extension will enable BC Hydro to complete the work and address as many customer concerns as possible before finalizing smart meter installations.
- A more efficient and reliable electrical grid will:
 - automatically detect power outages;
 - provide customers with access to their hourly electricity-use data through a secure on-line account;
 - ensure customers' bills are based on actual consumption; and
 - help ensure customers' service connects safely because installers will inspect customers' meter sockets when installing smart meters and provide free on-the-spot repairs, by a qualified electrician, if an issue is found.
- BC Hydro has:
 - confirmed through testing by a federal consumer protection agency that the new meters are accurate;
 - confirmed through testing, certified by professional engineers, that the meters use safe technology commonly used in our communities for decades; and
 - worked with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia to meet all standards and guidelines.
- Smart meters create savings for BC Hydro customers that exceed the Program's costs. BC Hydro's business case for the smart meter upgrades is available at http://www.bchydro.com/etc/media/lib/internet/documents/smi/smi_business_case.Par.0001.File.smi_business_case.pdf.
- You can choose to relocate your meter base to a different location on your property, in accordance with local electrical guidelines, and at your own cost. If you would like to move the meter, contacting a qualified electrician is the first step.
- Additional information about smart meters is available on BC Hydro's website at http://www.bchydro.com/energy_in_bc/projects/smart_metering_infrastructure_program.html.

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McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Gorman, James EDUC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 4:19 PM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: Fwd: Emergency preparedness EPACT

more info on this....

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Butterfield, Renate R EDUC:EX" <Renate.Butterfield@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Emergency preparedness EPACT
Date: 23 January, 2013 4:03:51 PM PST
To: "Gorman, James EDUC:EX" <James.Gorman@gov.bc.ca>

Many districts already use BCeSIS for this purpose and extract e-mail addresses and telephone numbers and use their automated call back system in order to send bulk e-mails or voice messages. This is something we have also asked for in the new SIS. Districts also have emergency protocols in place in order to communicate school closures, extreme weather alerts and other information that needs to be communicated to parents and students through the Internet and other media such as TV and Radio. It might be an idea to look at the existing capabilities of the school districts and setting up protocols for messages to be sent down stream to them and then filling in the gaps as needed.

As we begin planning for the next iteration of SIS, we might want to consider some aspects as mandatory. This is a good example. So is language spoken at home as we have learned from the current litigation around French programming in BC.

From: Gorman, James EDUC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 8:33 AM
To: Butterfield, Renate R EDUC:EX
Subject: Fwd: Emergency preparedness EPACT

Interesting idea

James Gorman
Deputy Minister of Education

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "McRae, Don EDUC:EX" <Don.X.McRae@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 23 January, 2013 8:25:53 AM PST
To: "Gorman, James EDUC:EX" <James.Gorman@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fw: Emergency preparedness EPACT

James, have we considered using the BCeSIS replacement as part of the province's emergency management plan? It seems to me that if we had all parents emails we could use this as an important

tool in the event of either a Code Red situation or in response to an natural disaster.

Thoughts,

Don

From: Thornthwaite, Jane [<mailto:J.Thornthwaite@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 12:59 PM Pacific Standard Time
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: RE: Emergency preparedness EPACT

Excellent! We are on the same page ☺ My report on the Delta DPAC visit last Friday will be good too. Eve was there taking notes. All good ideas.

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Sent: January-22-13 11:33 AM
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I like this concept. I also like the idea of potentially using the new BCESIS as a means to either contact parents in the event of a provincial emergency(eg tsunami warning) or as a means to coordinate after such an event- assuming that email is available in the affected region.

This is also another reason why the province could/should have access to parent emails.

Don

From: Thornthwaite, Jane [<mailto:J.Thornthwaite@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 22, 2013 11:25 AM Pacific Standard Time
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX; Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Subject: Emergency preparedness EPACT

This is for your information. Both ladies are from my riding and have been involved in getting piloted schools on an emergency situation communication plan. I thought it was appropriate for what we are talking about re communication with parents. Perhaps the new "BCISIS" system could incorporate this type of system?

Jane

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From: Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane
Sent: January-21-13 10:10 AM
To: Thornthwaite, Jane
Subject: FW: Meeting with MLA Thornthwaite - epact

Also printed and on your desk.

From: Christine Sommers [<mailto:christine@epactnetwork.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 19, 2013 5:10 PM
To: Thornthwaite.MLA, Jane
Cc: s.22 Kirsten Telford
Subject: RE: Meeting with MLA Thornthwaite - epact

Hi Jane,

Thank you so much for getting together with us last week. Really enjoyed speaking with you and just following up on a few items.

- 1) Here is the motion Franci submitted to Min of Ed last year. Have not heard if the response came through or not, but will follow up with Franci to find out and let you know.
- 2) Re: ideas on enhancements for schools, Bernadette Voit was working with the Min of Ed and Emergency Management BC on a standardized emergency preparedness resource manual last year. Unfortunately, it sounds as though that may have been shelved due to pressures to focus on bullying. We firmly believe that schools/districts are looking for emergency support tools,

and that ePACT can quickly/easily fulfill that void, addressing existing gaps for preparedness, response and engagement/education for families on their roles and responsibilities in a crisis and what schools manage.

- 3) Another opportunity for Min of Ed is using ePACT to cascade messaging, resources, training and processes across all school districts (once they are on the system). This could range from bullying resources and tactics, through to lockdown processes, earthquake and fire drills, right down to communications to parents for greater support across communities.
- 4) Although ePACT is a product that provides cost, administration and risk reduction benefits for schools, entire communities can use the system, and it overall promotes safer, more supported families. We were going to talk to Premier Clark about this, as we know how focused she is on families and it may be a great story to support for her Families First platform. We will see her at the Women's Entrepreneur evening next week, so will see if we can get on her schedule in near future and keep you posted on that.

Again, thanks so much for your time and we will be in touch with any updates as things continue to progress.

Hope you're having a great weekend!

Chris

From: Christine Sommers [<mailto:christine@epactnetwork.com>]

Sent: January-16-13 12:43 AM

To: 'Thornthwaite, MLA, Jane'

Cc: s.22 Kirsten Telford

Subject: RE: Meeting with MLA Thornthwaite - epact

Thanks much Carol – yes, will be there tomorrow at 1pm and have attached a quick one pager to provide Jane with a quick overview on our product. I've also attached a report that was done after our school trials to outline cost/time/admin savings and other benefits of our system – this report was delivered to school districts and Min of Ed contacts so thought it was important to share with Jane as well.

Thnx and will see you in a few hours! ☺

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From: Thornthwaite, MLA, Jane [<mailto:Jane.Thornthwaite.MLA@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: January-15-13 6:08 PM
To: christine@epactnet.com
Subject: Meeting with MLA Thornthwaite - epact

Hi Christine,

I'm just confirming your meeting with Jane tomorrow, Wednesday, January 16 at 1:00 pm at the office. Can you please forward any information or presentation that you would like Jane to review prior to the meeting.

Kindest regards,

Carol

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McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: BC Liberal Caucus Communications [BCLiberalCaucusCommunications@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 4:21 PM
Subject: DAILY DIGEST ~ January 23
Attachments: BC Transit and CAW Local 333 ratify 2012 deal.pdf; Premier announces new facility for Emily Carr University.pdf; Helping Customers Understand Smart Meters.pdf

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Guests: Media Panel: Global TV's Keith Baldrey and Globe and Mail's Justine Hunter

Topic: Countdown to the election

Friday, January 25

Sher-E-Punjab Radio-Jasbir Romana Show -- 9:40am

Guest: Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Bill Bennett

Topic: Times of India Film Awards

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From: BC Liberal Caucus Communications [BCLiberalCaucusCommunications@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 4:31 PM
Subject: Addendum: DAILY DIGEST ~ January 23

Addendum: Talk Radio Calendar

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CFAX 1070 with Al Ferraby – 8:50am
Guest: Children and Family Development Minister Stephanie Cadieux
Topic: Domestic violence consultations

McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 4:57 PM
To: Weatherly, Monika LASS:EX
Cc: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX; XT:Lineker, Dianne E LASS:IN; McRae, Don; McRae, Don EDUC:EX
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To: Stewart, Ben CITZ:EX
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If we can get some better or extra technology in school classrooms, any ideas are much appreciated.

Thanks for looking in to this,

Don

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McRae, Don EDUC:EX

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To: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Subject: Re: Speaking Notes

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Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 7:54 PM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Cc: Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX
Subject: Fwd: speaking notes for MDM
Attachments: mdm speaking notes (2).docx; ATT00001.htm

Speaking notes attached.

Carolyn Dickinson

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX" <Brett.Lowther@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 23 January, 2013 7:49:51 PM PST
To: "Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX" <Carolyn.Dickinson@gov.bc.ca>, "Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX" <Robert.Pauliszyn@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Kcast, Gordon GCPE:EX" <Gordon.Keast@gov.bc.ca>, s.22
s.22
Subject: speaking notes for MDM

Hi there – Here is what I put together – any suggestions send them to my home email address please.

Brett

s.22

McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 7:28 AM
To: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Subject: Re: Speaking Notes

Let me know when you arrive.

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Subject: We're here!

Carolyn Dickinson

McRae, Don EDUC:EX

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By Alex Browne

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McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: James, Ben [Ben.James@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 10:06 AM
Subject: Message of the Day: Working Together for Students – A framework for long term stability in Education

Message of the Day: Working Together for Students – A framework for long term stability in Education

Today Premier Christy Clark and Education Minister Don McRae proposed a series of innovative changes to achieve a 10-year agreement that will bring labour stability to the education system to benefit students, parents and teachers.

Lead: Education Minister Don McRae

Key Messages:

- The goal of a 10-year agreement is simple and ambitious – give Grade 2 students the opportunity to go through their entire school career without any labour disruptions.
- We want children to learn, parents not to have to scramble, and teachers to be in the classroom.
- This isn't about the adults – it's about the students having 10 years of always being in the classroom.
- Under our framework, we would offer the following initiatives to public school teachers:
 - A new Priority Education Investment Fund with dedicated funding of \$100 million to address education policy priorities;
 - The creation of a new Education Policy Council with representatives from government, the BCTF, and elected school trustees to provide education partners a meaningful voice in policy discussion; and
 - Salary certainty and fairness by indexing teacher salaries to increases in the B.C. public sector.
- There will be naysayers, but those same people said we wouldn't be able to reach labour agreements with other B.C. government employees. Thanks to the hard work on all sides, more than half of the province's employees have signed agreements.

Link to news release: <http://ow.ly/h6gEj>

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Director of Communications
BC Government Caucus
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s.15 – mobile

McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Thornthwaite, Jane [J.Thornthwaite@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 10:34 AM
To: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Cc: Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX; McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: Re: Working for Students

I gather you have heard the CKNW interviews with Susan Lambert and Patti Bacchus. I would very much like to talk about this as well as to distinguish between this announcement and the negotiations that have been ongoing with BCPSEA and BCTF that apparently was to be ratified this weekend at the BCSTA convention.

From: Thornthwaite, Jane
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 10:07 PM
To: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Cc: Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX
Subject: Re: Working for Students

Thanks. Yes will have questions. Difficult to grasp on a pp. Will call tomorrow.

s.22

From: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX [<mailto:Carolyn.Dickinson@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 06:58 PM
To: Thornthwaite, Jane
Cc: Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX
Subject: FW: Working for Students

Wrong address.

From: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 23, 2013 6:57 PM
To: 'j.thornthwaite@gov.bc.ca'
Cc: Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX
Subject: Working for Students

Hi Jane,

As promised, please find an embargoed copy of the PPT MDM presented today at caucus. Happy to discuss tomorrow, unfortunately I'm swamped with prep for today - but if there's something urgent don't hesitate.

Thanks,
Carolyn

Carolyn A. Dickinson
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon. Don McRae
Minister of Education
Ph: 250-889-1347

McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 1:48 PM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: BC Wildlife Federation

Hello Minister,

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There will be 21-22 people attending. John Shepard notes that it will be an informal event.

He would like to confirm as soon as possible.

Let me know when you get a chance.

Thanks,

Nigel

Sent from my iPhone

McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 2:01 PM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: Saturday

You'll likely see ^{s.22} on Saturday. No others mentioned.

Carolyn Dickinson

McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 2:27 PM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: Re: BC Wildlife Federation

Great!

I'll let Mr. Shepard know and have the information put into your calendar.

I will also give FLNRO a heads-up.

Thanks,

Nigel

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Subject: Re: Saturday

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

From: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 02:00 PM Pacific Standard Time
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: Saturday

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From: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 2:34 PM
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Subject: Re: Saturday

Just checking.

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From: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
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McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 2:37 PM
To: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX

Carolyn,

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Also, how long is the interview?

Don

McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 2:39 PM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: Re:

No problem. Interview is from 4:33 to 4:43 - ten minutes.

Carolyn Dickinson

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McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 2:51 PM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: Re:

CBC is all good ^{s.22}

Carolyn Dickinson

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From: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 3:13 PM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Cc: Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX
Subject: FW: A message from Education Minister Don McRae

Letter was just sent.

From: Education Minister Don McRae [<mailto:EDUC.Minister@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 3:12 PM
To: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Subject: A message from Education Minister Don McRae

To British Columbia Teachers

As a parent, teacher, and now as Minister of Education, I have experienced teacher bargaining from all angles. No matter what your perspective is, I think you can agree it is time to do things differently.

Included with this message is a link to a proposal: Working Together for Students. In it you will find the government's proposed framework for long term labour peace and a ten-year labour agreement with our province's public school teachers.

In return for a ten-year agreement, the government is prepared to offer B.C. public school teachers a voice in funding education priorities and a formal role in education policy decisions. The government is also prepared to offer salary certainty and fairness by indexing teacher compensation to increases in the B.C. public sector.

The framework also sets out a structured and transparent bargaining process incorporating ideas from key education stakeholders and recommendations from prior reviews of teacher bargaining. The proposed process would draw on professional mediators and conciliators to help resolve impasses.

The framework offers a fresh start and an opportunity to work together to build a stronger, more effective relationship between government and teachers.

Despite repeated labour disputes, our education system is one of the best in the world. I can only imagine what we are capable of achieving together if we worked from a position of long term labour peace.

I encourage you all to take time to read the framework and to really consider what a 10-year agreement would bring.

Thank you,

Don McRae

Minister of Education

Working Together For Students: A Framework For Long Term Stability In Education, Toward A 10-Year Agreement With Public School Teachers:

http://www.newsroom.gov.bc.ca/ministries/education/working_for_students_a_framework.pdf

News Release: http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2013PREM0006-000111.htm

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McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Pauliszyn, Robert GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 3:15 PM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: RE:

Thanks Minister, and same to you, great job today.

Robert Pauliszyn
Cell s.15

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Don



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From: Dawson, Ken PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 3:28 PM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Subject: RE:

Thanks Minister - pleased that it all went so well today.

Ken

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

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To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Cc: Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX
Subject: CHNL - Jim Harrison

Looking for a time slot for you to pre-record an interview with Jim Harrison as the live time doesn't work. Do you have a preference on Monday afternoon? We need a block of 35mins of time.

Carolyn A. Dickinson

Ministerial Assistant to the Hon. Don McRae

Minister of Education

Office: 250-387-1977

McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Lowe, Sonia GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 4:05 PM
Subject: Proactive Communications - Thursday, January 24

Proactive Communications Thursday, January 24

Events:

Education Framework for Stability Announcement

Lead: Office of the Premier (Premier Clark)

Location: Vancouver

Media in attendance: Global, CTV, CityTV, CBC TV/Radio and French, Fairchild TV, CKNW, News 1130, Globe & Mail, 24 Hours, Ming Pao, World Journal

Skills equipment funding for the University of the Fraser Valley

Lead: Advanced Education, Innovation and Technology (Minister Yap)

Location: Chilliwack

Pacific Agriculture Show Gala

Lead: Agriculture (Minister Letnick)

Location: Abbotsford

Chinese media roundtable

Lead: Education (Minister MacRae)

Location: Vancouver

Media in attendance: Fairchild TV, OMNI TV, Fairchild Radio, Sing Tao, World Journal, Ming Pao, Westca.com

Age-friendly grant for Surrey

Lead: Health (Minister Sultan)

Location: Surrey

News Releases:

- **OFFICE OF THE PREMIER / EDUCATION** - Proposed framework for labour peace with teachers - The B.C. government is proposing a series of bold and innovative changes to achieve labour peace and a ten-year agreement with the province's public-school teachers, Premier Christy Clark and Education Minister Don McRae announced today.
- **ADVANCED EDUCATION, INNOVATION and TECHNOLOGY** - Province funds new skills equipment in Fraser Valley - The government of B.C. is investing \$621,701 in new skills training equipment at University of the Fraser Valley.
- **AGRICULTURE** - Minister of Agriculture presents Diamond Jubilee Medals - Agriculture Minister Norm Letnick and the Honourable Judith Guichon, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, presented Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medals to Richard Bullock, Reg Ens and Nico Human at the Pacific Agriculture Show Gala last night, in recognition of their significant achievements and distinguished service to their fellow citizens.

- **ENERGY, MINES and NATURAL GAS /HOUSING** - Province congratulates Streethome Foundation - Minister Responsible for Housing Rich Coleman joined community partners and private donors in congratulating Streethome Foundation for reaching its \$26.5-million fundraising goal to help end homelessness in Vancouver.
- **FORESTS, LANDS and NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS** - Tsq'escenemc, B.C. government sign innovative forest agreement - The Province has issued a First Nations' woodland licence to the Tsq'escenemc people of the Canim Lake Band, enhancing economic opportunities and forest stewardship in the region, Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson announced today.
- **HEALTH** – Surrey receives Age-friendly BC grant - Surrey seniors will benefit from a \$20,000 Age-friendly grant to help create programs or tools that address the needs of the city's older residents.
- **JUSTICE** – Ministry tightens JUSTIN network security - Minister of Justice and Attorney General Shirley Bond has issued the following statement:
"We received the auditor general's access and security audit on the JUSTIN system and thank him for his recommendations and the additional time he provided us to improve the system that integrates, manages and stores criminal case information from provincial justice agencies.
- **JUSTICE** – (web-post only) **PROLIFIC OFFENDER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SHOWS PROMISING RESULTS**- While the Prolific Offender Management (POM) pilot has now concluded, the best practices learned through the program will be continued in each of the pilot communities and incorporated throughout the province to ensure co-ordinated supervision, enforcement, and access to services for chronic offenders.

Opinion-Editorial:

- **EDUCATION** - This government has announced a proposed new framework to bring about 10 years of labour peace with B.C. teachers.

Talk Radio:

- **CHILDREN and FAMILY DEVELOPMENT** – Minister Cadieux speaks to CFX 1070AM Al Ferraby at 8:50am. Topic: Domestic violence action plan.

In the News / On Tour:

Today:

- **PREMIER'S OFFICE** – Premier Clark delivers a speech to a women's event in Chilliwack.
- **AGRICULTURE** – Minister Letnick speaks at the Integrated Environmental Plant Management Association in Kelowna.
- **HEALTH** – Minister MacDiarmid speaks at the Illuminations Fundraising Luncheon at the BC Women's Hospital Foundation in Vancouver.
- **JUSTICE** – Minister Bond will issue a statement on Auditor General John Doyle's report on the JUSTIN system.
- **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT** – Minister Stilwell meets with federal reps in Ottawa.
- **TRANSPORTATION** – Minister Polak and Global BC will tour an avalanche prevention program above Hwy 99 near Pemberton.

Friday:

- **ADVANCED EDUCATION, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY** – MLA Lake announces new skills training funding for Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops.
- **ADVANCED EDUCATION, INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY** – Minister Yap speaks to an immigration experiences panel in Vancouver.

- **COMMUNITY, SPORT and CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT** – Minister Bennett attends a BC Games host cities announcement in Penticton.
- **COMMUNITY, SPORT and CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT** – MLA Cantelon attends the 2013 Wheelchair Curling Championships in Nanaimo.
- **EDUCATION** – Minister Yap attends Family Literacy Week in Richmond.
- **EDUCATION** – Minister McRae attends a Family Literacy event in Courtenay.
- **ENERGY, MINES and NATURAL GAS / HOUSING** – Minister Chong attends the opening of 68 affordable apartments for families in Victoria.
- **FINANCE / JOBS, TOURISM and SKILLS TRAINING** – Premier Clark speaks to the BC Construction Association Summit in Vancouver.
- **HEALTH** – Minister MacDiarmid to address the Canadian College of Health Leaders in Vancouver.
- **SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT** – Minister Stilwell meets with federal reps in Ottawa.

Sonia Lowe, Media Relations Officer | Government Communications and Public Engagement
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McRae, Don EDUC:EX

From: Dickinson, Carolyn EDUC:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 4:43 PM
To: McRae, Don EDUC:EX
Cc: Elliott, Nigel G EDUC:EX
Subject: RUSH statement

Calling about this.

The BCTF is claiming that the government's proposed framework "ignores the ruling of the BC Supreme Court that teachers have the right to bargain working conditions, such as class size and class composition."

s. 13, s.17

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From: BC Liberal Caucus Communications [BCLiberalCaucusCommunications@leg.bc.ca]
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2013 4:28 PM
Subject: DAILY DIGEST ~ January 24
Attachments: Minister of Agriculture presents Diamond Jubilee Medals.pdf; Ministry tightens JUSTIN network security.pdf; Proposed framework for labour peace with teachers.pdf; Students first.pdf



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TV and Radio Schedule

Thursday, January 24

CBC Radio Vancouver -- On the Coast with Stephen Quinn -- 5:10 pm.

Guest: Education Minister Don McRae

Topic: Announcement of proposed framework for labour peace with teachers.

CBC Radio Victoria -- All Points West with Madeline Green -- 4:35 pm.

Guest: Education Minister Don McRae

Topic: Announcement of proposed framework for labour peace with teachers

SHAW Voice of BC with Vaughn Palmer -- 7:00pm

Guests: Media Panel: Global TV's Keith Baldrey and Globe and Mail's Justine Hunter

Topic: Countdown to the election

Friday, January 25

C-FAX 1070 -- Al Ferraby -- 8:50am

Guest: Education Minister Don McRae

Topic: Announcement of proposed framework for labour peace with teachers

Sher-E-Punjab Radio-Jasbir Romana Show – 9:40am

Guest: Community, Sport and Cultural Development Minister Bill Bennett

Topic: Film industry in BC / TOIFA

Radio India with Gurpreet Singh – 9:50am

Guest: Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training Minister Pat Bell

Topic: Times of India Film Awards

Sher-E-Punjab Radio-Jasbir Romana Show – 10:30am

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Subject: Both interviews completed.