

April 11, 2011

The Honourable Naomi Yamamoto
Minister of Advanced Education
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Dear Minister Yamamoto:

On behalf of the North Vancouver Board of Education, I wish to extend my sincere congratulations to you on your appointment as Minister of Advanced Education. The Board was thrilled to learn that you had been given this exciting opportunity to represent the North Shore as a cabinet minister. We would like to find an early opportunity to meet with you to discuss the potential synergies between the Ministry of Advanced Education and some of the initiatives underway in the North Vancouver School District, particularly at the Outdoor School.

I am pleased that you will be able to attend the North Shore Credit Union Environmental Learning Centre groundbreaking ceremony scheduled for April 20, 2011 at the North Vancouver Outdoor School in Squamish. The Environmental Learning Centre (ELC) will be built to a LEEDS Platinum standard and is the first phase of our longer term plan to rebuild the entire campus. Our goal is to transform the North Vancouver Outdoor School into a world-class demonstration site and learning and research facility for pre-school to post secondary education and training. One of the School District's objectives identified through the strategic planning process was to provide seamless transitions for students at each stage of their growth and development. The Outdoor School is an excellent candidate for us to work with the Ministry of Advanced Education on developing those transitions.

I have enclosed a copy of our most recent Community Report 2011 that was distributed throughout the North Shore with our local newspaper, the North Shore Outlook. I would like to draw your attention to page three of the report that contains an article on how the North Vancouver School District is addressing the vision of 21st century learning.

We look forward to meeting with you in the near future and once again please accept our best wishes on your new portfolio.

Best regards,



Franci Stratton
Chairperson

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cc North Vancouver Board of Education
John Lewis, Superintendent of Schools