

NORTH VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 44

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Don Bell, MP Constituency Office 120 E 14th St North Vancouver BC V7L 2N3

Dear Mr. Bell:

Re: GST Exemption for School Districts

On behalf of the Board of School Trustees for School District No. 44 (North Vancouver), I am writing to let you know that in its pre-budget report, the Federal Standing Committee on Finance, comprised of MPs from all political parties, called upon the Federal Government to rebate 100% of the GST paid by School Boards. Our Board supports this recommendation.

We estimate savings to our School District of approximately \$600,000 annually, which would be directed to our students. We request your support of the recommendation of the Standing Committee as exempting School Districts from the GST will benefit students all across Canada.

Yours truly,

Chris Dorais

Chairperson, Board of School Trustees

pc: The Honourable James Flaherty, PC, MP, Minister of Finance

The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, PC, MP, Prime Minister of Canada

The Honourable Jack Layton, MP
The Honourable Stephane Dion, MP

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