

September 9, 2014

The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
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Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fassbender:

On behalf of the Board of Education, I would like to follow up on our June 5, 2014 letter requesting a meeting with you, and the appropriate Ministry staff, to address any remaining concerns related to the Argyle Secondary replacement project. We would be pleased to meet either in person, or by conference call.

As you will recall, the Board of Education has asked for the Argyle seismic project to be converted to a full replacement school. To enable this, we had requested borrowing authority of up to \$8.9M to fund the differential, if needed, after January 2018.

Your letter of March 13, 2014 to the Board of Education and District of North Vancouver outlined five criteria to be met. We provided a joint response, on June 5, 2014, to the identified criteria and feel that the concerns were addressed. Subsequent to our June 5<sup>th</sup> letter, the District of North Vancouver completed the purchase of Keith Lynn Alternate Secondary School and site from the School District on August 1, 2014.

We remain committed that a full replacement of Argyle Secondary school is the most educationally sound, economically viable, and energy efficient long-term option. This is the opportunity to create a new school that addresses the educational needs, capacity, and functionality of a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Environment consistent with the BC Education Plan, which will also provide enhanced facilities and amenities to the community.

We look forward to having an opportunity as soon as possible to meet and discuss next steps in moving this project forward.

Yours truly,

NORTH VANCOUVER BOARD OF EDUCATION



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Chair

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cc. Mayor Richard Walton, District of North Vancouver  
North Vancouver Board of Education  
John Lewis, Superintendent of Schools  
Georgia Allison, Secretary Treasurer