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Susan Skinner, Chair
Board of Education
School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)
721 Chesterfield Ave
North Vancouver BC V7M 2M5

Dear Ms. Skinner:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Board's decision to not sign the "Agreement for the Use of SmartTool and Related Services" that commits all boards to track carbon emissions.

I commend the Board for its leadership and many accomplishments in resource conservation over the years. I realize that the new requirement to track carbon emissions comes at a time when all levels of government are facing difficult economic challenges. As responsibility for this initiative rests with my colleague, the Honourable Ben Stewart, Minister of Citizens' Services, I have shared your letter with him, with the request that he or his staff respond directly to your Board's concerns and request.

Thank you for writing to share your views on this matter.

Sincerely,

Margaret MacDiarmid
Minister

pc: Honourable Ben Stewart

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