



October 11, 2024

Chris Hergesheimer
Green Party Candidate / Powell River-Sunshine Coast
Delivered via email to: teamhergesheimer@bcgreens.ca

Dear Dr. Hergesheimer,

RE: Advocacy for Public Education in the 2024 Provincial Election

On behalf of the Board of Education for qathet School District, and in my capacity as Chair, I am reaching out to underscore three critical areas of advocacy as we approach the 2024 provincial elections. These priorities are essential for improving the learning environments for students and the working conditions for staff across our communities. We respectfully request that, as you campaign for office, you champion the needs of public education and commit to addressing the following key issues:

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A comprehensive approach to recruitment and retention is required, particularly in rural and remote areas where affordable housing shortages further complicate the issue. Many potential educators are discouraged by the lack of housing options or the prohibitive costs, hindering efforts to establish stable, long-term staffing. Addressing these housing concerns will significantly contribute to a more sustainable workforce and better educational outcomes in these underserved regions.

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We call on you to advocate for increased investment in school infrastructure to help meet these pressing needs. This includes recognition of the challenges districts face and adjusting budgets accordingly to support this essential work.

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Yours truly,



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V. Kintzinger, Interim Superintendent



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Chris Moore
Conservative Party Candidate / Powell River-Sunshine Coast
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Greg Reid
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Randene Neill
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Dear Ms. Neill,

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