



June 22, 2023

Mr. Alex Wright, BC Ferries Terminal Manager
Northern Sunshine Coast
Mr. Rino Parise, Area Manager
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

Dear Rino and Alex,

School District 47 have received a request from the Texada Island Representatives for BC Ferries outlining concerns about dangers related to waiting vehicle traffic obstructing the roadway along Blubber Bay Road when lined-up at the Blubber Bay Terminal. The Texada Island representatives for BC Ferries are seeking support from School District 47 with their efforts in resolving this long-standing issue.

Having consulted with our Transportation Department and the regular driver on Texada Island, we understand that the loading lane used for the ferry line-up at the Blubber Bay terminal is not long enough to accommodate all vehicles that are waiting to board the Ferry. Due to this issue, the school bus has difficulties reaching the terminal to pick up students. This situation under certain conditions could result in an unsafe situation.

Please accept this letter as School District 47's support for these representatives. The School District would support any efforts or initiatives that might remedy the situation long term. In the meantime we will explore alternatives with respect to our bus routing to see if we can find away to avoid the circumstance.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further please contact Jared Formosa, Director of Operations for School District 47 at 604 414 2631.

Yours truly,



Mr. Steve Hopkins
Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Education
School District 47 (Powell River)

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Cc: Mr. Jared Formosa, Director of Operations, School District 47.