

March 13, 2015

Christopher Richardson, Chairperson
Vancouver Board of Education
Board of School Trustees
1580 West Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6J 5K8



Dear Chairperson Richardson:

Re: "Yes" Vote

Thank you for your correspondence dated February 24, 2015, expressing the unanimous support of the Vancouver Board of Education for a "Yes" vote in the upcoming transportation referendum. We deeply appreciate the support of the Board during this period of high-profile public consideration of the region's future.

We are certainly at an exciting moment in the history of transportation in the Metro Vancouver region. As your letter indicates, transportation improvements in the Mayors' Transportation and Transit Plan will benefit Vancouver School District 39 students and staff by increasing active transportation options, providing better transit service, reducing traffic congestion, and shortening commute times across the region. With one million more residents coming to Metro Vancouver in the next 30 years, it is imperative to invest in our transportation system. The Mayors' Plan will protect our environment, strengthen our economy, and improve the quality of life for residents today and in future generations.

We have conveyed your endorsement to the Better Transit and Transportation Coalition and are pleased that the Vancouver School Board is now listed as a supporter of a "Yes" vote on the Coalition website, joining over a hundred business, labour, environmental, and student organizations. Thank you again for your active support of an affirmative outcome in the upcoming Metro Vancouver Transportation and Transit Referendum.

Sincerely,



Mayor Gregor Robertson
Chair, Mayors' Council on Regional Transportation

cc: VBE Trustees
All Metro Vancouver School Boards
Steve Cardwell, Superintendent of Schools
Rick Krowchuk, Secretary Treasurer
Mike Buda, Executive Director