



Spectrum Community School Parent Advisory Council

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Attn: Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Child Care

Sent via: ECC.Minister@gov.bc.ca

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*****Please include this letter in the next SD61 Board meeting under correspondence*****

Re: Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils – Statement - 2025 01 09 VCPAC
Feedback On Ministerial Order No M406 and Related Issues

Dear Minister Beare,

We write to you on behalf of the Spectrum Community School parent community to voice our strong opposition to the view expressed in the recent communication issued by the Victoria Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (VCPAC). We appreciate your timely response and plan to hold a dialogue with local school PACs in light of having received this communication on January 9, 2025.

As the VCPAC determined to make its position known, the Spectrum PAC would like to ensure you're aware of ours. Specifically, having canvassed our parent community, we can say that we definitively and vehemently disagree with the VCPAC's statement: "For clarity, VCPAC does not want the current and democratically elected board to be relieved of their duties."

It was also brought to our attention by our VCPAC representative that the statement that was discussed and collaboratively drafted is not the version that was sent. We know this to be true because our representative on the VCPAC would never agree to this declaration. We would like to note that if the VCPAC executive believes there was adequate consultation with local PACs on a matter this controversial and political in making this statement — which essentially states that all our autonomous councils are in agreement with this view — then it was an incredibly short-sighted, misguided and incomprehensible decision given the current circumstances in which we find ourselves.

In our view, this action is a betrayal of individual PACs and shows that the executive of the VCPAC appears to be deeply compromised if it believes this even comes close to representing parents and caregivers in the Spectrum community and other nearby schools.

In fact, we would encourage you and government to proceed at your earliest convenience with whatever measures you see fit in response to the board's latest actions which continue to leave our schools without an adequate safety plan, including one that provides students with equitable access to the services of qualified, highly skilled police liaison officers. It would seem that the board has lost sight of its primary responsibility in this regard, as has the VCPAC.

We trust you will do what is necessary to ensure this situation is resolved in a way that prioritizes student and staff safety in schools as quickly as possible.

Sincerely, on behalf of Spectrum PAC executive,



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