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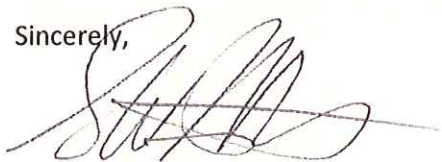
The Honourable Peter Fassbender
Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Fassbender:

With the end of the 2013/2014 school year fast approaching, the Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) is very concerned that the current level of uncertainty our district is experiencing due to the ongoing labour strife will be continued through the summer and that it could detrimentally affect yet another school year if not resolved. We must emphasize that the students, their parents, and the employees in our district have born the pressure of this conflict for the last decade with no foreseeable conclusion in sight. Our students' educational experience is negatively effected when their teachers and support staff are continually at battle with government and this cannot continue.

Our optimism is waning and we look to your government to resolve the dispute by swiftly appointing a mutually acceptable mediator to assist the parties in arriving at a negotiated settlement. Your leadership is crucial. The students in the Saanich School District deserve to be certain of their educational future. As you are aware, they are the future electorate in this province.

Sincerely,



G. Wayne Hunter
Chair, Saanich Board of Education

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