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The Honourable Peter Fassbender
Minister of Education
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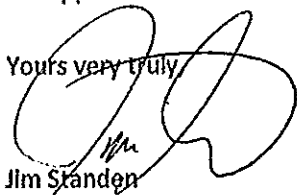
Dear Minister Fassbender:

The Board of Education of School District No. 63 (Saanich) is very disappointed with the recent announcement that savings from the 2014 strike/lockout will be redirected to cover child care costs. The 2013/14 provincial budget included an allocation of \$5.85 billion dollars to the Ministry of Education for the purposes of K-12 education and we feel strongly that this allocation be spent on its intended purpose.

Also, this initiative was not discussed with local Boards of Education and is in direct contradiction of the co-governance model under which we have been striving to work.

We request that any savings achieved from the 2014 strike/lockout be redirected back into classrooms to support the educational initiatives of which we are so proud.

Yours very truly,



Jim Standen
Vice-Chair, Saanich Board of Education

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