



November 27, 2018

Glen Hansman, President
British Columbia Teachers Federation
Email: [ghansman@bctf.ca](mailto:g hansman@bctf.ca)

Dear Glen,

Following several conversations we have had recently, I felt it was important to reiterate my commitment to you and your organization on the K-12 Funding Model Review.

As you know, the current funding model was imposed 16 years ago by the previous government with no consultation, followed by legislation that ripped up contract language for teachers. In contrast, our government is committed to doing everything we can to get the best outcomes for our students, by respecting teachers and investing in our education system.

When we undertook this comprehensive Funding Model Review we co-developed a set of shared principles with the BCSTA to ensure that a new funding model is fair, sustainable, and predictable. The independent review panel traveled the province and heard from all 60 school districts and over 350 education partners. I thank you and the BCTF for your participation and perspectives on this opportunity to look at developing a funding model to replace the current model that has been found inadequate by education stakeholders for many years.

I know you and your members are anxious to see the final report. I have committed to you already that we will actively engage the BCTF and our education partners over the next few weeks on the content of the report before it is released publicly by the end of the year.

I am committed to ongoing engagement with you and your members on the recommendations of the report. I want to be clear that our government completely respects and honours the Supreme Court of Canada's decision. Our government would never strip away your contract language like the old government did. I am committed to further discussions on how we best support students with special needs, other vulnerable learners, and all students prior to any final decisions on a new funding model.

I continue to look forward to working closely with you on this and many other important initiatives that benefit all students in every school across the province.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming
Minister