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Subject:[Fwd: [Fwd: NVPAC letter to the Minister of Education, April 2008]]

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To:BC MofEd/Shirley Bond <shirley.bond.mla@leg.bc.ca>

Honourable Shirley Bond,
2009

January 30,

Minister of Education
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via fax: 250-387-3200

Dear Minister Bond,

The North Vancouver DPAC is very disappointed at the lack of response to our previous letter concerning the FSA situation, which was originally sent to you back in April 2008 by email and mail, and again in September 2008 by email. To date we have had no response or acknowledgment, even as a courtesy, from your Ministry.

As the District Parent Advisory Council for North Vancouver (SD#44), we are a legitimate and legislated voice of parents in our community. We believe our efforts to offer input and resolution to the ongoing problem of the FSA debate are both warranted and responsible.

As we are all aware, the situation regarding the FSA testing in the province continues to affect relationships between the various partner groups. As the teachers continue to take a strong stance against the FSAs, and the Ministry seems determined not to deal with the ongoing dispute, students and parents get caught in the middle. We believe valuable time and energy has been lost as the situation continues to deteriorate around this issue.

NVPAC is not prepared to take a stance one way or another on the merits of the FSA itself as we acknowledge that there is a broad range of opinion on this within our parent community. However, we still strongly believe it is necessary to have all the partner groups sitting at the same table, to review the current status of the FSA process to ensure that it is all it can be for the betterment of our children's

education. Undoubtedly, we are not the only group to suggest this approach to the situation and it concerns us that nothing is being done in this direction.

We urge you, once again, to call the stakeholders to a formal review process in a concerted effort to resolve the discontent around the FSAs once and for all and to make sure that the process is both of benefit to our students and that it makes effective use of our educational resources.

Thank you for taking the time to consider feedback from all interested parties. We look forward to your response and action on this issue.

Sincerely,

Lisa Cartwright, NVPAC Chair on behalf of the Executive
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cc. North Vancouver MLA's, North Vancouver School District #44 Board of Education and Superintendent, North Vancouver DPAC Executive, North Vancouver Teachers' Association, CUPE North Vancouver, BCCPAC, PACs and DPAC Reps of North Vancouver public schools.

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Subject:[Fwd: NVPAC letter to the Minister of Education, April 2008]

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From:Lisa Cartwright <lisacartwright@shaw.ca>

To:BC MofEd/Shirley Bond <shirley.bond.mla@leg.bc.ca>

Dear Minister Bond.

Welcome to a new school year! I'm sure that 2008/9 will continue to busy and interesting as we see the many amazing things that happen in our school communities.

After a busy spring and a lengthy summer reprieve, it has come back to my attention that we had never received any response from the Ministry to our letter sent on April 11, 2008. I thought I should follow up with you now, as our member PACs and individual parents have brought the topic up on several occasions and will be coming together again in the next few weeks to discuss educational issues.

Your thoughts and response would be much appreciated at this time.
I will look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,
Lisa Cartwright

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Subject:NVPAC letter to the Minister of Education, April 2008

Date:Fri, 11 Apr 2008 08:43:24 -0700

From:Lisa Cartwright <lisacartwright@shaw.ca>

To:BC MofEd/Shirley Bond <shirley.bond.mla@leg.bc.ca>

CC:

Dear Minister Bond,

Attached is a letter from NVPAC North Vancouver Parent Advisory Council (DPAC SD#44) with respect to the FSA Foundation Skills Assessment process. The original has been mailed to your office with electronic copies sent to our representative partner groups.

In addition to the circulation list on this email, we will also distribute this correspondence to our local PAC and DPAC representatives at all North Vancouver public schools.

Many thanks for your consideration of our views.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of our parent community in North Vancouver,

Lisa Cartwright, NVPAC Chair

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