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Dear Minister Beare,

I am writing as the Board Chair on behalf of the Board of Education of Pacific Rim School District to request your support in addressing climate action within our education system.

Pacific Rim School District is committed to sustainability and prioritizes climate action as a key part of our governance and strategic planning. In alignment with the provincial CleanBC initiative, our mission is to do our part in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. However, consistent obstacles related to funding and planning are slowing our progress.

The impacts of climate change are no longer a distant concern; they are here, affecting our schools, students, and communities. Rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and air quality deterioration are threats that disrupt learning environments, compromise the health and safety of students and staff, and put pressure on our already strained resources. School districts are on the front lines of these challenges, yet we lack the financial and structural support to respond adequately.

Without predictable funding from the provincial government, the Pacific Rim School District will be unable to make the necessary investments to mitigate the effects of climate change. Pacific Rim School District requires your leadership to ensure climate action becomes a strategic priority across the province.

The Pacific Rim School District is advocating for the below support:

1. Sustainable, long-term funding: We require increased support for predictable funding, including provisions for emergency response. This support is fundamental for advancing climate change mitigation initiatives, embedding sustainable practices within our operations, and addressing the climate-related risks that jeopardize both school infrastructure and the health of students and staff.
2. Regional support: It is imperative that climate action plans be tailored to the distinct needs of rural, remote, underserved, and urban school districts. By addressing these unique challenges, the province can ensure equitable access to resources and that every school community is fully equipped to respond to the evolving climate emergency.



3. Educational resources and training: We call for comprehensive educational resources and targeted training in climate adaptation and mitigation strategies to empower school boards with the necessary expertise to address climate risks.
4. Emergency response funds: We seek increased funding to respond to climate-related emergencies like extreme weather events. These funds will ensure timely and effective interventions to safeguard students, staff, and school infrastructure.
5. A provincial framework: We call on the Ministry of Education and Child Care, as well as other relevant ministries, to develop a provincial framework to assess the impacts of climate change on schools and to track the long-term outcomes for students. This would enable our board to measure progress and advocate for more targeted support.

Pacific Rim School District requests that you prioritize climate action within our education system and take steps to secure the necessary resources, increased funding, and policies to support this vital work.

We must come together and dedicate ourselves to safeguarding a future for British Columbia's students that is both healthy and sustainable while ensuring resilience to the impacts of climate change.

The decisions we make today will shape the world our children inherit tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Pam Craig, Board Chair  
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Pacific Rim School District