



SCHOOL DISTRICT 5

S O U T H E A S T K O O T E N A Y

June 21, 2024

Southeast Kootenay District Parents' Advisory Council –SD5
Lies Salvador
Chris David
940 Industrial Road No. 1
Cranbrook BC V1C 4C6

Dear Ms. Salvador and Mr. David:

RE: Thank you for your letter of support for School District 5, Southeast Kootenay

At the School District No. 5 (SD5), Southeast Kootenay public Board Meeting of June 11th, 2024, the Board carried the following motion:

THAT a letter be written by the Board of Education to the District Parent Advisory Council President and Treasurer to acknowledge the advocacy letter sent regarding Mount Baker Secondary.

The Board is very appreciative of the time and effort put forth by the District Parents' Advisory Council (DPAC) in their letter dated April 29, 2024 to the Ministry of Education and Child Care (MECC).

Thank you for highlighting the insufficient condition to meet the educational needs of our students in a safe and supportive environment, of Mount Baker Secondary School (MBSS) in Cranbrook, the lack of space in other District schools and the shortage of teachers throughout our communities.

Your advocacy on behalf of SD5 students, staff and parents is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Doug McPhee
Board Chair

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• Nicole Heckendorf • Chris Johns • Sarah Madsen • Wendy Turner

Cc*: Hon. David Eby, Premier, Province of BC
Kevin Falcon, Leader, BC United Party
John Rustad, Leader, BC Conservative Party
Sonia Furstenu, Leader, BC Green Party
Hon. Melanie Mark, Minister, Advanced Education and Skills Training
Tom Shypitka, MLA Kootenay East
Carolyn Broady, President, BCSTA
BCSTA for distribution to member Boards of Education
Dawn Lang, President, Kootenay Boundary Branch (KBB), for distribution to KBB members
Clint Johnston, President BC Teachers' Federation
Laura Ward, President, BCCPAC
Shelley Balfour & Adrienne Demers, CFTA Co-Chairs, for distribution to staff representatives
Krista Napl SD5 CUPE President
Lies Salvador, DPAC Chair
Aaron Thorn, President, SD5 Administrators' Association
Chris Walker/Corey Bullock, CBC Radio
Dennis Walker, 107.5 Today FM Radio
Wylie Henderson, Rewind Radio 102.9
Jeff Johnson, Wild B104 Radio
Josiah Spyker/Ryley McCormack, 107.5 Today FM
Barry Coulter/Trevor Crawley, Cranbrook Daily Townsman
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