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Ref: 147461

Ann Whiteaker, President
BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC)
Email: annwhiteaker@bccpac.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Whiteaker:

Thank you for your email dated July 13, 2011 and for taking the time to meet with me in June. I greatly appreciate the ongoing input and partnership of the British Columbia Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) on education issues important to parents and students, and I look forward to continuing to work together.

The Ministry of Education recognizes the important work being done by BCCPAC to support District Parent Advisory Councils and Parent Advisory Councils by building parent knowledge, skills and capacity and was pleased to have been able to provide you with a \$100,000 operating and \$150,000 project grant in 2010/11. Unfortunately, we are unable to meet your request to provide those same grants this fiscal year and will need to provide support in a non-financial manner.

I look forward to discussing how we can continue to work together to support your work to encourage parents to play an active role in the education of their children. Thank you for taking the time to write and for all your hard work on behalf of parents and students.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "George Abbott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

George Abbott
Minister