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Dear Ms. Howland: *Kim:*

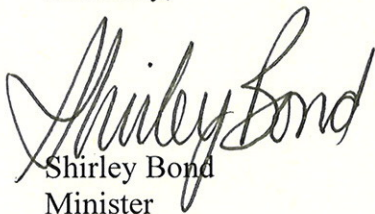
Thank you for your letter dated January 28, 2008, to the Honourable Olga Ilich, Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services, regarding the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils' request for a review of discipline processes for employees. Your letter has been forwarded to me for a reply.

This government has a long-standing commitment to ensure that the interests of students are moved to the forefront when considering matters of teacher discipline. A recent example of this commitment is the *Teaching Profession (Teacher Registration) Amendment Act, 2007*. The amendments to the *Teaching Profession Act* introduced by this bill were in response to parents and school trustees asking for better access to information about members of the BC College of Teachers who have been disciplined for matters relating to physical, sexual or emotional harm to a student, or conduct or competence in breach of College standards.

While a general review of the nature of educator discipline is not being considered at this time, it is my expectation that the interests of students should play a central role in the consideration of disciplinary matters both by the boards of education and the College.

As always, I welcome the input of the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils. Thank you for sharing the Confederation's resolution with me.

Sincerely,



Shirley Bond  
Minister  
Deputy Premier

pc: Honourable Olga Ilich, Minister of Labour and Citizens' Services