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Many of the schools in Port Coquitlam are considered "inner City" schools - the families of these children cannot replace the funding provided thru gaming grants out of their own pockets - their resources are spent on their most immediate needs such as feeding and sheltering their families. These children need to have opportunities presented to them at school because their parents do not have the resources to provide them at home.

Education is the key for these children to make a better future for themselves and their community - OUR community. It is the key to opening their minds to the people and the world around them. Without it, many of these children will remain prisoners of their generational poverty.

A little money spent now on expanding their world can pay huge dividends down the road. Or should I say, spending a little money now will save a great deal of money down the road - if we don't educate these kids now, we will be funding them forever as they become acquainted with less pleasant parts of "the system".

Please don't cut our gaming grants.

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