



District Parent Advisory Council
School District #73 (Kamloops/Thompson)
1383 9th Avenue, Kamloops, BC, V2C 3X7

March 1, 2011

Honourable Margaret MacDiarmid,
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045, Stn Prov Govt,
Victoria BC V8W9E2

Dear Minister MacDiarmid,

On behalf of the parents in the Kamloops Thompson area, the District Parent Advisory Council for SD73 would like to request that your Ministry formally respond to the 2010 Report of the Fact Finder on the BC College of Teachers, and provide a plan detailing strategies on how the problems identified by Mr. Avison will be addressed.

As you are no doubt aware, the BCCT has an important role to play in protecting the public interest, as stated in Section 4 of the Teaching Profession Act.

4 It is the object of the college to establish, having regard to the public interest, standards for the education, professional responsibility and competence of certificate holders and applicants for certificates of qualification and, consistent with that object, to encourage the professional interest of certificate holders in those matters.

Mr. Avison's findings indicate the need for a comprehensive review of the College's activities and a reconsideration of its duties, powers, and governance structure. Given the broad implications of such a fundamental review and the wide public interest it is sure to engender, we encourage the Ministry to consult widely with parents, teachers, administrators, trustees and others to create a solution that will serve the needs of the children in our system first and respect the rights of all stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored rectangular background. The signature reads "Gisela Ruckert".

on behalf of
SD73 DPAC Executive Council

cc:

Board of Education SD73
Premier of BC
Deputy Minister of Education
BC College of Teachers

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