



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 47 (POWELL RIVER)**  
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Dear

Environmental stewardship as sustainability is a priority to the Powell River Board of Education. Over the past ten years, we have performed extensive upgrades to our schools and facilities in order to not only save on the cost of utilities, but to reduce our carbon footprint. We have adopted sustainable practices, materials and products.

We support the creation and implementation of all types of green initiatives in our District, including: destination conservation; leadership ecology program; eco change operation; marine debris project; recycling programs; composting; farm-to-school; zero waste; school gardens; and outdoor education programs – all of which are not only implemented to reduce our environmental impact, but as teaching and learning tools for our students and community.

We are at the forefront of helping to facilitate our children to grow into the climate conscious environmental aware leaders of today and into the future.

The Powell River Board of Education is unanimously in support of our students taking initiative and standing up for not only themselves, but also any causes they feel passionately about. This, of course, includes climate change and environmental issues.

Our Superintendent, Dr. Jay Yule, has issued a letter to parents indicating there will be no negative consequences for students participating in the Global Climate Strike, however, student safety is always our priority and we require that any students under our care who plan to leave school property during school hours, have parental permission provided to the school so that we may allow them to leave school grounds.

We appreciate your interest in supporting our students and appreciate the communication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A Reid".

Ms. Aaron Reid  
Chairperson  
Board of Education  
School District 47 (Powell River)