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The Honourable Peter Fassbender  
Minister of Education  
P.O. Box 9045 Stn. Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Fassbender,

**Re: Summer Learning Funding**

This letter is a follow-up to our meeting with you on April 25, 2014 at the BCSTA AGM.

As per our conversation, we are stating a case to have summer learning funding reinstated to our school district. Summer learning funds were provided to districts outside of the block in the past to ensure school districts did not have to charge summer fees. Your Ministry has indicated that our funding protection also includes summer learning funding. However, the funding protection was only meant to augment our operating budget, and was never intended to provide summer learning funding. Summer learning funding clearly arose from the civil action regarding the charging of fees. We pointed out the irony of this situation, in that school districts can now run programs outside of their school district boundaries. Therefore, our school district could seek out a board that is not in funding protection and ask it to run the summer learning programs in our school district, and register the students in order to get summer learning funding. This provides an avenue for our school district to have funding but makes little sense, and creates a bureaucratic process where it will be perceived that another school district is supporting Powell River while the Ministry will not, even though it involves Ministry funds.

We are asking that you provide direct summer learning funding to our school district through the normal process, or a one-time grant of \$80,000, which is our annual summer learning budget, until the Ministry can determine a process that addresses this issue.

Yours truly

Dr. Jeanette Scott  
Chair, Powell River Board of Education

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