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March 14, 2024

Nicole Duncan
Chair, Board of Education, School District No.61
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Email: nduncan@sd61.bc.ca

Dear Nicole Duncan:

RE: SCHOOL DISTRICT 61 POLICE SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS

On March 11th, 2024, Saanich Council passed the following motion:

That Council request the Mayor to write to the Chair of the Board of Education for School District 61 requesting reinstatement of the Police School Liaison Officers and that the letter be copied to the appropriate Provincial bodies, other School District 61 school hosting municipalities and the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations.

Safety for students and young people is a priority for everyone in our community. Council has heard from many concerned parents that they would like to see the return of the school liaison officer program in the Greater Victoria School District.

We recognize the sensitivity of the program for some students and families. Their concerns must be managed with respect and care. Council encourages the Board of Education to consider modifications to the program that address those concerns and ensures the safety of all students.

We know that the Board has to consider a lot of factors when it comes to school safety. Council requests that the Board give consideration to implementing a modified version of the school liaison program.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dean Murdock". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dean Murdock
Mayor

cc: Mayor Marianne Alto and Victoria City Council
Mayor Barb Desjardins and Esquimalt Council
Mayor Kevin Murdoch and Oak Bay Council
Mayor Sid Tobias and View Royal Council
Honourable Rachna Singh, Minister of Education
Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General
Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
Honourable Rob Flemming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Honourable Murray Rankin, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation
Chief Ron Sam and Songhees Nation Council
Chief Jerome Thomas and Esquimalt Nation Council