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Her Honourable Lisa Helps
Mayor of Victoria
Email: mayor@victoria.ca

Dear Mayor Helps:

Thank you for your letter of April 4, 2017, regarding funding for seismic mitigation at Victoria High School in School District No. 61 (Greater Victoria).

I understand and appreciate the concerns around the safety of students and staff at Victoria High School. I would like to assure you, seismically mitigating schools identified as high-risk is a top priority for the Ministry of Education.

Ministry and District staff are actively working to advance this seismic project in the near term. In July of 2016, the District received support to complete the business case for this complex project. The Ministry expects the report will be submitted in the near future for funding consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns and for the support, you have conveyed regarding Victoria High School. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Shanna Mason, Assistant Deputy Minister, Capital Division by phone at (250) 356-6750 or by email at Shanna.Mason@gov.bc.ca.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Dave Byng
Deputy Minister

pc: Pieter Langstraat, Superintendent of Schools