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Lee-Ann Tiede, Chair
Board of Education
Central Okanagan Public Schools

325697 - Transit for Teens

Dear Chair Tiede:

Please find attached copies of correspondence from the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Office of the Minister
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure



May 21, 2024

Lee-Ann Tiede, Chair
Board of Education
Central Okanagan Public Schools
1040 Hollywood Road
South Kelowna BC V1X 4N2

Reference: 325697

Dear Chair Tiede:

Re: Transit for Teens

Thank you for your letter of April 22, 2024, sharing with me your support for the Centre for Family Equity's Transit for Teens campaign.

Our government recognizes the importance of safe and accessible transit for people of all ages. As you may know, our government's [Get on Board! program](#) provides free public transit for children 12 and under. The program provides families across B.C. with more affordable transportation options and will help a new generation of British Columbians choose transit as a first travel option.

As the program continues into its third year, we are continuing to monitor customer feedback to ensure the existing program meets the needs of families across B.C. We will keep Central Okanagan Public Schools' comments in mind as we continue to evaluate the program's success and look at potential changes in the future.

As you may be aware, TransLink, which provides transit service in Metro Vancouver, offers concession fares for youth between ages 13 and 18, as well as people 65 and older. In the 130 communities served by BC Transit, local governments are responsible for working with BC Transit to determine service levels, fares and routes, and many communities have developed their own programs to provide discounted or free transit for youth. For example, the City of Victoria offers a [Transit Youth U-PASS](#) providing free transit for youth aged 18 and under.

To ensure we can continue to support mode shift through access to convenient transit service, [Budget 2024](#) provides approximately \$4 billion in provincial operating and capital funding over the next three years to support transit expansion across B.C.

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You may be interested to know that we are developing a Clean Transportation Action Plan that will be released later this year. In the meantime, you can learn more about our work to support [cleaner forms of transportation on our website](#).

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Fleming', with a stylized, flowing script.

Rob Fleming
Minister

Copy to: Premier David Eby

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