



British Columbia  
School Trustees  
Association

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Patrick Gatien  
SD93 (Conseil Scolaire Francophone)

Dear Patrick,

Congratulations on being elected as a representative on your local board of education. This is an important role with far-reaching responsibilities and the decisions you and your board make in the years ahead will leave a lasting impression on your community.

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The BC School Trustees Association exists, in large part, to assist and support you in your work as a board. You are now tasked by your constituents with the duty of being informed, prepared and understanding of the issues you will encounter along the way, and the BC School Trustees Association is here to help you on that path. I wish to personally welcome you to our association and would like to make you aware that, as part of the onboarding process, a director from BCSTA's board will be reaching out to you soon by telephone if they have not done so already. The nature of this call will focus on how BCSTA can maximize its services for you and your board.

We have some truly excellent online resources for new trustees available, such as our online *Learning Guide* which can be found at [bcstahub.org](http://bcstahub.org). Access to the HUB will be granted to you in the days to come as new trustees are sworn in and we update our systems with your new contact details. Please keep an eye on your new school district email address for login details.

We will also be starting things off quickly with our Trustee Academy in late November, which is targeted to both new and returning trustees. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn and network amongst your peers as we assemble under the theme of being "elected, engaged and empowered."

I look forward to seeing you at Academy and working with you, side by side, as we focus on improving learning outcomes for all students across BC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G B Swan". The signature is fluid and cursive.

**Gordon Swan**  
*President*  
BC School Trustees Association