



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Richmond, February 8, 2022

Attention: Ms. Erinn Pinkerton
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Subject: Request of free passes for SD 93 High School students across the province

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique – SD 93, I would like to request your consideration into a possibility of facilitating free passes for our high school students across the province. Multiple transportation challenges as well as those raised due to the recent pandemic have highlighted numerous difficulties some of our students face to get to school, mostly the ones living in big suburbs and rural areas across the province. Therefore, we will appreciate your consideration in this matter in a right to education for all the kids who are tomorrow's future, hoping that you might have a program or service that could help reduce or annul their fees in order to get to school at an affordable rate throughout the year.

We take this opportunity to let you know of our full support of the recent provincial decision to give free passes for kids under 12 years old, in the same spirit, we request a consideration of a similar program that may benefit our high school students across the province.

Understanding that this request may have heavy financial effects, I will be more than happy to set up a time to explain the above challenges as well as some propositions we have on the table to somewhat lessen students' worries when it comes to getting to school safely and at the same time, promoting to them the use of public transportation as a good alternative for the well-being of the environment.

Should you require more information, you can contact our Secretary-Treasurer by Email: scouture@csf.bc.ca or by phone: 604-562 8011.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to my correspondence, please receive my salutations.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michel St-Amant', is written in a cursive style.

Michel St-Amant
Superintendent

Cc: Simon Couture, Secretary-Treasurer