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Marie-France Lapierre, President
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Email: mflapierre@csf.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Lapierre:

Thank you for your letter of February 1, 2016, requesting additional funding from the Ministry of Education to enable part-time teachers and teachers on call to participate in school district training sessions regarding the new curriculum. Your concerns are very important to us as we move forward with the implementation. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The Ministry of Education recognizes the importance of providing resources and opportunities for educators to become familiar with changes occurring in the curriculum. The wide-ranging curriculum support plan announced in September 2015 represents a significant investment by the Province, which enables teachers to receive the information and training they need to bring British Columbia's new curriculum to life in their classrooms.

For this reason, the Ministry provided funding to school districts to assist with planning and implementation of training activities. The funding allocated was based on the number of full-time teachers and provided the district with an opportunity to use other methods of training, including peer-to-peer collaboration and facilitated training coupled with the ability for district educators to participate in Pro D day training opportunities in other districts.

As mentioned above, these are just a few innovative ideas that have been proposed to expand training opportunities to include a wide-variety of educators, including part-time teachers and teachers on call in becoming familiar with the new curriculum. However, decisions regarding the nature of local training activities, and who will participate in these sessions are the responsibility of individual school districts.

To further support teachers in their own learning, the Ministry posted a number of resources on the new curriculum website <https://curriculum.gov.bc.ca/tools>. Educators can use these support materials and tools as they orient themselves to the new curriculum, or in their instructional planning.

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If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Nancy Walt, Director of Curriculum and Assessment by phone at (250) 217-4978 or by email at Nancy.Walt@gov.bc.ca.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Byng', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dave Byng
Deputy Minister

pc: Nancy Walt, Director, Curriculum and Assessment, Learning Division