

November 26, 2021

Honourable Jennifer Whiteside
Minister of Education
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Victoria, British Columbia
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Via email Minister.educ@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Whiteside,

At its November 16, 2021, Regular Public Board meeting, the Mission Public Schools Board of Education passed the following motion:

THAT the Board of Education send correspondence to Minister Whiteside requesting that going forward, the Ministry of Education fund school bus replacements at the full cost of electric school buses.

While the Board appreciates the incentive and grant funding provided in the 2021/2022 Capital Plan Bylaw, there is no indication that this funding will be provided going forward. Mission Public Schools is considering that all future bus fleet replacements will be electric vehicles. However, without the guaranteed funding or incentives for electric buses, the Board must determine where and how to allocate the additional funding.

In its Strategic Plan, the Mission Public Schools Board of Education cites the goal of “Advancing and embracing environmental stewardship and sustainability.” Replacing diesel or gas buses with electric buses aligns with this goal.

Further, the Board considers this action to align with the Province’s Clean BC goals and the Carbon Neutral Capital Program (CNCP)

As such, the Board respectfully requests that all future bus replacement costs are consistent with the purchase price of electric buses.

Sincerely,

Tracy Loffler, Board Chair



CC: [Minister of Finance](#)
[Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy](#)
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