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Board of Education
School District No.38 (Richmond)
7811 Granville Avenue
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Dear Sandra,

Re: Budget Brief

On behalf of the Richmond Teachers' Association, we thank you for the opportunities to submit our feedback for the upcoming 2022/2023 District Budget.

Given the recent announcement of the new Indigenous-Focused Graduation requirement, the RTA is submitting further feedback to support successful implementation in Richmond, as we recognize the Board's commitment to Richmond's Strategic Plan specifically:

Strategic Priority 1 – Inspired Learners

Goal 2 The district fosters resilient and healthy life-long learners.

Goal 3 Indigenous Peoples' history, perspectives, and learning approaches are embedded

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The PTA recognizes the ongoing support provided to classroom teachers to embed Indigenous

Ways of Knowing and First People's Principles into the curriculum and pedagogies. This

Finally, the RTA requests the Board increase their advocacy for additional funding for the Richmond School District. The recent Ministry of Education budget announcements and continued structural shortfall all speak to the lack of proper funding for Public Education. These Ministry decisions are in complete opposition to the public narrative throughout the pandemic of the extreme importance of schools to the social and emotional development of students and our duty to help develop Educated Citizens.

Sincerely,

Liz Baverstock,
President, RTA