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Susan Skinner, Chair  
Board of Education  
School District No. 44 (North Vancouver)  
721 Chesterfield Ave  
North Vancouver BC V7M 2M5

Dear Ms. Skinner:

I am responding to your letter dated December 15, 2009, regarding the revised capacity of Ridgeway Elementary and Carson Graham Secondary school seismic projects.

I understand that Ministry of Education staff in our Capital Management Branch have been working with school district officials concerning the North Vancouver Board of Education's requested changes for increased capacity for these two schools, and I am pleased to note that considerable progress has been made on both these projects.

Based on the information provided, I grant approval for an increased capacity of 400 elementary/4 kindergarten for the Ridgeway Elementary project to incorporate the capacity of Ridgeway Annex. Similarly, I grant approval for a revised, increased capacity of 1,100 FTE students for the Carson Graham Secondary project. This is in recognition of the Board's decision to close Balmoral Junior Secondary and is contingent on the Board completing the project at the increased scope without any additional provincial funding.

Further to a letter dated July 17, 2009, from Keith Miller, Assistant Deputy Minister, regarding construction cost de-escalation, please ensure your Planning Officer has an opportunity to confirm the budgets and unit rates prior to tendering the work.

Thank you for your continued service on behalf of the students of North Vancouver. I wish you success with each of your District's capital projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Margaret MacDiarmid". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Margaret MacDiarmid  
Minister