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Dear Peter,

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you the BC NDP's vision for education and respond to your members' inquiries about policies affecting independent schools.

First, we believe that there is no more powerful tool than education to ensure that all children get equal opportunities and the best possible start to life. Education is fundamental to ensuring our economy can grow with a well-trained workforce and to ensuring our citizens are engaged and empowered. Education must also support children to strive for excellence and to have ambition to bring about change for the better. We are focused on the well-being and future of every young British Columbian and will strengthen the public education system and continue to provide support for independent schools. As discussed in a meeting with your board of directors, we have no plans to make any changes to the current funding formula for independent schools or the *Independent School Act* and its accompanying Regulations and Orders.

Please see our platform for Education at www.bcndp.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Dix'.

Adrian Dix
Leader, BC NDP