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Tim Dunford, Board Chair School District 63 (Saanich) 2125 Keating Cross Road Saanichton BC V8M 2A5

Dear Chair Dunford,

Thank you for your e-mail, sent on December 04, 2023, regarding prescribed thresholds for reporting remuneration and expenses as stated in the *Financial Information Act*. I appreciate you taking the time to share your ideas and feedback with me.

My office is responsible for the above-stated legislation and receives regular inquiries about minimum thresholds. The intent of disclosing information, such as employee remuneration, is to promote openness and transparency by the BC Government. Disclosures enable citizens to track the use of public funds, ask questions, and learn about the way government does business. An accessible and open government is consistent with government's commitment to transparency.

The province continuously monitors external and internal factors that affect thresholds. OCG is undertaking a review of the employee remuneration thresholds to determine the best course of action moving forward as any changes to thresholds would have to align with the existing environment of government transparency, proactive disclosure, and public awareness of government activity, information, and spending.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. Your opinions are important to us and I appreciate your input on how we can build a better BC.

Sincerely,

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