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Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Bond:

As you are aware, we have been working with the Trustees of the Vancouver School Board on the topic of the Seismic Mitigation Program. We believe this program as presently constructed is having unintended consequences, is out of alignment with the Premier's child care and climate action initiatives, and could be significantly improved.

While our concerns came to light in the case of our own school, many PACs are encountering the same issues. We want to help fix the process and the outcomes for all schools.

We have been working through the Constituency Office of our MLA, Premier Gordon Campbell, to make contact with appropriate Ministry of Education officials. While the Premier himself has found time to schedule a meeting with us, we've had even low-level Ministry of Education officials tell us they are too busy to discuss the matter.

While the news media has helped us focus public attention on the matter, we continue to seek a meeting with you and/or your staff so we can work together directly and productively.

We look forward to arranging a meeting with you and/or your staff at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Ingrid Sulston, Chair
Parents Advisory Council (PAC) of General Gordon Elementary School

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Enclosures:

1. Background document: *What's wrong with the Seismic Mitigation Program? How can we fix it?* (Already handed to staff at MLA Gordon Campbell's office)
2. Text of petition to the Ministry of Education, signed by 550 residents
3. Text of resolution passed by Gordon PAC, passed 48-0 on 25 Feb 2008

cc: Premier Gordon Campbell
Clarence Hansen, Chair, Vancouver School Board of Trustees