

July 31, 2020

## Re: Support for the BC Ministry of Education Schools Reopening Plan

On Wednesday, July  $2 \mathfrak{B}.C [\bullet D]v] \bullet \check{s} CE \{ \mu \check{s} \} v Z \}$  & o u ] v P v Z ] (D ] o , Bonnie Henry announced the comprehensive plan for the reoperting  $\mu CE \otimes CE A v = V Z$  (D ] o , September. Our associations jointly wish to express our support for the reopertind BC [••Z} o • \check{s} Z this fall as well as our appreciation for the collaborative approach taken by both the Ministry of Education and the Public Health Office.

Faced withthe unprecedented challenges eated by the current COV/1D9 outbreak, we believe it is critical that both students and staff be provided the opportunity to return to schoods fallon a fulltime basis By September, the majority of students will have been away from classrooms for more than five months. This has a significant are ge impact on all children and 0 G [286/-7(n)14( all chi)4(Id)5(reTJ E)5( c