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Hon. Dr. Margaret MacDiarmid, MLA  
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Dear Dr. MacDiarmid:

I am writing to accept your invitation for the Vancouver School Board to participate in the pilot project aimed at assessing whether it makes sense to implement a shared system for business operations within the K-12 education sector.

We've always been open to discussion and consultation about the need to find administrative efficiencies and savings in the education sector, on the condition that those savings remain with school districts to be put back in the classroom.

At the same time, we wish your assurance that the project scope will be limited to the areas outlined in the letter of invitation: payroll; human resource information; absence management and dispatch; and financial systems.

We also ask for a commitment that a shared system for business operations will respect collective agreement provisions of school district staff. It is also important to this board that the personal privacy of our employees is protected by ensuring that personal information is not held or stored on servers owned by a foreign company.

That said, we accept your invitation to participate in the pilot project, and look forward to seeing the outcome of this work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Bacchus'.

Patti Bacchus  
Chairperson, Vancouver Board of Education

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