

March 1, 2010

Honorable Margaret MacDairmid  
Minister of Education  
Victoria, B.C.

Dear Mrs MacDairmid,

BcFamily Net Society is a provincial organization of family members and self-advocates which promotes services and supports which allow children and adults with disabilities to become healthy and contributing members of their communities. We are deeply disturbed at impending cuts to educational supports for children with special needs as a result of inadequate provincial public education funding. With our many, many collective years of experience we know with great certainty the value of well-supported inclusive education, not only for these children, but for society as a whole.

We strongly endorse the letter of February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 from Vancouver Parents for Successful Inclusion, and urge your government to ensure that children with special needs across our province will be supported to reach their full potential. The independence which comes with effective inclusive education now will result in long term savings in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Anita Dadson  
President  
BC Family Net Society