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Dear Connie,

Thank you for your letter of June 16 requesting BCTF support for three important BCSTA initiatives.

We have asked the minister for a Testing and Assessment Task Force to explore the issues and information about assessment and to make recommendations to government. We believe the proposed task force would be the ideal venue to deal with what BCSTA is recommending in Resolution #6 (Foundation Skills Assessment) and Resolution #5 (Review of Assessment and Accountability Initiatives).

We have also requested a moratorium on FSA and secondary final exams during the period when the task force will be operating.

We appreciated meeting with you recently and hope we can maintain a regular dialogue in the future.

We also welcome any opportunity for increased discussion with all partner groups to address concerns around assessment, consultation and community involvement, and adequate financial support for public education.

The BCTF is very interested in working closely with the BCSTA on matters of mutual concern.

On a personal note, I hope you have a great summer.

Yours truly,

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