



LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING ON COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION

Between the
BRITISH COLUMBIA SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION (BCSTA)
and the
BRITISH COLUMBIA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION (BCLTA)

WHEREAS:

1. BCSTA represents boards of education in the province of British Columbia.
2. BCLTA represents public library trustees in the province of British Columbia.
3. BCSTA and BCLTA have common interests in the provision of public education and library services to the communities and residents of British Columbia.

THEREFORE:

This Letter of Understanding represents a commitment by BCSTA and BCLTA to work together to achieve province-wide benefits on issues of mutual interest.

PRINCIPLES:

The following principles pertain to this Letter of Understanding:

1. Mutual respect for each party's mandates, policies and areas of jurisdiction and that the Letter of Understanding does not restrict the individual mandates of the parties;
2. Co-operation in the development and distribution of information of mutual interest;
3. Collaboration on projects or initiatives to maximize efficiency and effectiveness.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

BCSTA and BCLTA have the following mutual objectives:

1. To promote collaboration and understanding in matters of mutual interest related to public education and public libraries in a province-wide context;
2. To discuss aspects of the legislative and regulatory setting which reflect the interests of the parties;
3. To provide notice of actions to achieve changes in provincial policy and regulations that might affect the interests of the other party.

IMPLEMENTATION:

BCSTA and BCLTA agree to establish joint working groups, as required, to further the objects as stated in this Letter of Understanding.

TERM:

The parties may agree to amend or terminate this Letter of Understanding at any time. The term of this Letter of Understanding shall be three years from the date of signing unless otherwise amended.

COMMITMENT:

In witness of this agreement the parties have executed this Letter of Understanding on Consultation and Cooperation in Richmond, British Columbia on November 25, 2017.

SIGNED on behalf of the British Columbia School Trustees Association by:

President

SIGNED on behalf of the British Columbia Library Trustees Association by:

President