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Dear Honourable Ministers:

Subject: South Fraser Perimeter Road (SFPR)

As the Chairperson for the Delta Board of Education, I am writing to express the Delta Board of Education's deep concern for the health and safety of our students, staff and parents due to the proposed South Fraser Perimeter Road (SFPR) being located so close to our schools. As a result of the new highway, our students will have three parallel highways within 1 km of each other – the SFPR, River Road and Nordel Way all taking heavy truck and commuter traffic. Most specifically, Brooke Elementary school lies within 350 metres of the SFPR, the Brooke Elementary School playground lies even closer, within the 250 metres.

We are concerned with the increased airborne pollutants as well as the increased noise pollution that this new highway will bring to our schools. Of particular concern will be the increase of the diesel particulate matter, which is considered a carcinogen.

We understand the project goals, however as one of the project goals is to “increase safety and reliability”, we urge the government to also be concerned about the safety of our schools and request that there be additional mitigation to address health and safety concerns for our school children and staff.

We would appreciate an early meeting with the appropriate representatives to offer our assistance in articulating such mitigation.

You may contact me at 604-946-4101 to arrange the meeting.

Yours truly,



Kelly Guichon, Chairperson
Board of Education

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