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CITY OF ROSSLAND, B.C.

Mayor Greg Granstrom
City of Rossland
Box 1179
Rossland, BC V0G 1Y0

Dear Mayor Granstrom

On Monday April 15, 2013 the Board of Education of School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia) received the April 8, 2013 letter from the City of Rossland along with a briefing note from our staff. Our staff identified a number of significant challenges with the resolution passed by the City of Rossland Council on April 8, 2013.

These challenges are:

- The offer of grant-in-aid is for 3 years with a requirement to keep K-12 in community for 5-6 years – how would we fund years 4, 5 and 6?
- The Board defeated a bylaw that looked at K-12 so notice would be required to bring that bylaw back and another round of consultation would be required followed by new bylaws
- The Board would need Ministry of Education clarification if the grant-in-aid can be used for operating funds because it is tied to the transfer of a capital asset
- The Board must go through a disposal process at a minimum to dispose of the Annex
- The Board requires Ministerial approval to dispose of the Annex
- The referendum described in the resolution would likely take 90 days and the Board would not know if the grant-in-aid money is coming until early August at the absolute earliest
- The Board must accept the offer before a referendum would take place
- The Board cannot accept this offer because it is tied to Annex and we have no Ministerial approval to dispose of it
- Without K-9 savings factored in for the 13/14 budget year we will face a deficit based on the current draft of the budget

The Board discussed the offer and passed the following motion:

That the Board respond to the City of Rossland stating they cannot accept the offer as written and share all of the significant concerns identified.

If you or your staff would like clarification about these identified challenges please contact me and we can arrange for a meeting to help explain these challenges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Ganzert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

Darrel Ganzert
Board chairperson

cc: Trustees
Greg Luterbach, Superintendent of Schools
Natalie Verigin, Secretary-Treasurer