

I am reaching out to you today because to keep our school board accountable, we need your voice.

At OneCity <u>we value transparent and cooperative decision-making</u>. We are committed to public engagement and stakeholder processes that are clear, transparent, accessible, and equitable.

The decisions made at the VSB board table tell us what kind of public education system trustees imagine and for whom they are speaking. The decisions we make, and the processes towards making them, can either further entrench the benefits that historically advantage those with privilege and power or they can be ones that transform our public education system for all.

To make fully informed and accountable decisions we need to remove the barriers to hearing public voices, including those of parents, families, stakeholder groups, and members of the general public.

Here are three things you can do right now to improve accountability at our school board table:

- 1. <u>Add your name</u> to our call for the Vancouver School Board to ensure openness and authentic public participation;
- 2. <u>Email me and the other School Board Trustees</u>, saying you want to know what's happening at meetings and how questions are being answered;
- 3. <u>Request to be a delegate</u> at the next meeting, Monday November 22 at 5pm (Must request before November 17 at 4:30 pm).

Together, we can bring public voices back to our public committees.

Keep in touch and thanks for all you do!

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