

February 22, 2017

The Honourable Christy Clark
Premier of the Province of British Columbia
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Victoria, BC
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Dear Premier Clark:

Re: Banning Pill Pressing Machines

At the Public Meeting of the Board of Education (Richmond) held on February 6, 2017 Trustees discussed the Fentanyl Drug Crisis in the Richmond, and passed the following resolution:

Resolution 033/2017

THAT the board of Education (Richmond) write a letter to Premier Christy Clark noting concerns with pill pressers and the need to ban them from our province and our country.

The Board of Education has taken a proactive approach to increasing awareness in our student and parent community of the potential dangers of fentanyl, and has sponsored a public forum on drug education that was jointly presented with representatives from the City of Richmond, Vancouver Coastal Health and other community partners. Together with the City of Richmond, we have received feedback from the public and first responders about how pill press machines have contributed to the availability of illicit and potentially fatal drugs in our community. We therefore join with the City of Richmond to respectfully request that the Provincial government regulate the purchase, sale and use of pill press machines in the province, and coordinate with other government agencies across the country to restrict the use of these machines nationally.

Yours truly,



Mrs. Debbie Tablotney, Chairperson
On Behalf of the Board of Education (Richmond)

Cc The Hon. Dr. J. Philpott, Minister of Health and MP
The Hon. A. Wong, MP
The Hon. J. Peschisolido, MP
The Hon. Dr. T. Lake, Minister of Health and MLA
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