



SCHOOL DISTRICT No.69 (QUALICUM)

January 21, 2020

Board of Directors
Regional District of Nanaimo
6300 Hammond Bay Road
Nanaimo, BC V9T 6N2

Dear Board of Directors:

I write further to my letter of December 20, 2019 in which I requested, on behalf of the Board of Education, support from the Regional District of Nanaimo in the amount of \$500,000 for the renewal of the Ballenas track.

As a Board we understood that Mayor Mayne, as the RDN Board representative on the Ballenas Track Renewal Steering Committee, was aware of our Board's support for an 8 lane competition track, and would have represented to the RDN the commitment of the steering committee and our Board to that objective. Judging by comments attributed to Mayor Mayne at the January RDN meeting we now understand that that was not the case. We regret any lack of clarity in that regard.

To be clear, the Board passed two motions at its public meeting of December 14, 2019. One, as communicated in my previous letter, was to request financial support from the regional district. We expected that request to be referred by the RDN to committee, and we appreciate that that did indeed happen.

The second motion that was passed, based on recommendations from our senior staff and the steering committee, was as follows:

THAT the Board of Education of School District 69 (Qualicum) support in principle the recommendation of the Ballenas Track Renewal Steering Committee to plan for the construction of an eight lane competition standard track at Ballenas Secondary School, with the final decision to come after reports from the committee on all implications including in relation to funding of both the construction and the ongoing maintenance of the track.

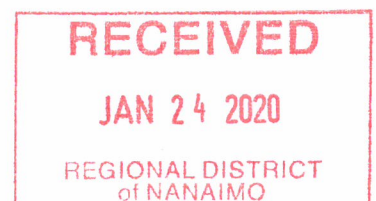
We look forward to continuing in our ongoing support for the creation of this community resource, including having our staff join community partners in presenting more detail to the February 13, 2020 meeting of the Oceanside Services Committee.

Sincerely,

Eve Flynn, Board Chair

c: Board of Education of SD69
Keven Elder, Superintendent of Schools, SD69
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