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ATTENTION Victoria and Esquimalt Police Board

Dear Mayor Barbara Desjardins, Lead Chair, and Mayor Marianne Alto, Deputy Chair

RE: Greater Victoria Board of Education SPLOP Program Decision

On May 31, 2023, the Board of Education ended the School Police Liaison Officer Program which involved School Police Liaison Officers from Oak Bay Police, Saanich, and the RCMP (Police Liaison Officers have not been present in Victoria and Esquimalt schools since 2018).

The Board of Education is deeply committed to creating and maintaining safe, welcoming, and inclusive school environments for all members of our learning community. We believe that every student deserves an environment in which they can thrive academically and personally. Students in Greater Victoria School District will continue to receive the necessary support and care from trained, certified, and regulated professionals in schools and community.

We are committed to maintaining strong relationships with local police and to clearly defining their roles within our schools. Police play a key role in keeping our school communities safe. In the event of a school emergency, we want to emphasize that our existing protocols for