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This is a followup from some of the discussions taking place at the last Board meeting. I wanted to send it out to all of you as it is somewhat time sensitive.

The message below from the BC Libraries Cooperative, on behalf of the Library partners group which includes the BCLTA which you are part of and the ABCPLD that I belong to is a good summary of the provincial budget push that is taking place over the next several weeks and months. If you have any opportunity to either write letters yourselves or respond in any meetings you may have with provincial officials, please help push the consistent points and messages that the partners are presenting which are outlined below, so that the province hears a unified message and voice.

Thank you, Don

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Dear members and public library supporters,

As you know, provincial funding for public libraries in British Columbia has not increased for the past decade. In preparation for the BC Government's <u>Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services Consultations for the Budget 2020</u>, the BC Public Library Partners (Partners) have prepared a letter template and key message points that we hope you will use and share with your network of BC public library supporters to advocate for increased funding next fiscal.

The more submissions that the Standing Committee receives in support of increased funding for public libraries, the stronger the impact of our collective voice. You can send a letter as a library supporter, as someone working in a library, as a library board, or as another community group or organization.

As you build your message for your submission or presentation to the committee, please use the following points so that your message resonates with the provincial government and is part of amplifying the shared messages coming from a large community of public library directors, trustees, staff, and supporters.

- 1. You can make a written, audio or video submission to the Select Standing Committee here.
 - If you want to make a written submission, here is a <u>letter template</u> that you can use.
- 2. Include concrete examples of how your public library is part of:
 - Making life more affordable,
 - Providing better public services
 - Building a strong sustainable economy
 - Furthering Reconciliation and the TRC Calls to Action.

Use the rallying call \$20M in 2020 to identify your submission or presentation as part of a larger community working together to increase provincial funding for public libraries.

- 3. Once you have your submission ready, please send copies of it to:
 - Minister Fleming, Ministry of Education
 - Your local MLA
 - The BC Public Library Partners

The Partners will compile your letters and use them for future meetings with those who influence and make BC budget directions and decisions.

Add your voice to the \$20M in 2020 campaign and follow the Partners' <u>Twitter</u> and <u>Instagram</u> feeds throughout the summer for Partner updates and ways for you to be part of this campaign.

Thank you for all that you do every day as library directors, staff, and library supporters and for taking the time to make a submission or presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions or comments about the work of the Partners or the BC Libraries Cooperative.

Kevin Millsip
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The BC Public Library Partners

In our shared work, the Partners (Association of BC Public Library Directors, BC Library Trustees Association, BC Library Association and BC Libraries Cooperative) focus on increasing funding for public libraries and on ensuring that the government understands the full role and unique value of public libraries in communities across BC.

We do this work through a non-partisan lens and by changing, with a consistent and unified message and approach, the provincial narrative around the value of public libraries.

We meet and work with those who influence and make the decisions about provincial funding and resourcing of public libraries. When we demonstrate to them through evidence, through your stories, and by connecting with their goals, they listen to us and the members we represent.

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