

everyone. The government believes that public sector organizations have a key role to play in supporting broad-based economic growth in every region of the province.

To support true and lasting reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in British Columbia

Consistent with the Accountability Framework for British Columbia's Secondary Education System, Okanagan College will report publicly on efforts to fulfil this mandate direction and achieve targeted results and the outcomes of those efforts.

The Crown Agencies and Board Resourcing Office (CABRO) at the Ministry of Finance has lead responsibility for overseeing and maintaining the Public Sector Organizations Governance Framework, and provides leadership for the merit based appointment of qualified and competent individuals to the boards of public sector organizations.

Okanagan College is asked to work closely with CABRO through your ministry contact on board appointments, all governance matters including orientation and training of board members, and meeting public sector reporting requirements under the Budget Transparency and Accountability Act

I would ask that each board member acknowledge the direction provided in this Mandate Letter by signing this letter. The Mandate Letter is to be posted publicly on your institution's website on Budget Day on February 20, 2018.

I have appreciated your support as Board Chair to me as Minister responsible in the first few months of our government's term in office. I look forward to ongoing dialogue and engagement going forward through our scheduled meetings and other communication channels between my ministry and your organization.

Once again, thanks to you and your Board Governors for your commitment to public service. Together, we will work to build a better B.C.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melanie Mark', is written over a colorful, abstract background of small squares and dots in various colors.

Melanie Mark
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Minister

Date: February, 12 2018

Attachments: Signature page template
Minister's Mandate Letter

cc: Honourable John Horgan
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July 18, 2017

HonourableMelanie Mark
Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training
Parliament Buildings
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Dear Minister Mark:

Congratulations on your new appointment as Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training.

It has never been more important for new leadership that works for ordinary people, not just those at the top.

It is your job to deliver that leadership in your ministry.

Our government made three key commitments to British Columbians.

Our first commitment is to make life more affordable. Too many families were left behind for too long by the previous government. They are counting on you to do your part to make their lives easier.

Our second commitment is to deliver the services that people count on. Together, ~~we can~~ ensure that children get access to the quality public education they need to succeed, that families can get timely medical attention, and that our senior citizens are able to live their final years with dignity.

These and other government services ~~benefit~~ benefit ~~the~~ lives of British Columbians every day. It is your job as minister to work within your budget to deliver quality services that are available and effective.

These three commitments along with your specific ministerial objectives should guide your work and shape your priorities from day to day. I expect you to work with the skilled professionals in the public service to deliver on this mandate.

As you are aware, we have set up a Confidence and Supply Agreement with the B.C. Green caucus. This agreement is critical to the success of our government. Accordingly, the principles of “good faith and no surprises” set out in that document should also guide your work going forward.

As minister, you are responsible for ensuring members of the B.C. Green caucus are appropriately consulted on major policy issues, budgets, legislation and other matters as outlined in our agreement. This consultation should be coordinated through the Confidence and Supply Agreement Secretariat in the Premier’s Office. The secretariat is charged with ensuring that members of the B.C. Green caucus are provided access to key documents and officials as set out in the agreement. This consultation and information sharing will be in accordance with protocols established jointly by government and B.C. Green caucus, and in accordance with relevant legislation.

British Columbians expect our government to work together to advance the public good. That means seeking out, fostering, and advancing good ideas regardless of which side of the house they come from.

Our government put forward a progressive vision for a Better B.C. that has won broad support with all members of the legislature. There is consensus on the need to address many pressing issues such as reducing health care wait times, addressing overcrowded and underfunded classrooms, taking action on climate change, tackling the opioid crisis, and delivering safe, quality, affordable child care for all. As one of my ministers, I expect you to build on and expand that consensus to help us better deliver new leadership for British Columbians.

As part of our commitment to true, lasting reconciliation with First Nations in British Columbia our government will be fully adopting and implementing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. As minister, you are responsible for moving forward on the calls to action and reviewing policies, programs, and legislation to determine how to bring the principles of the declaration into action in British Columbia.

In your role as Minister of Advanced Education, Skills and Training I expect that you will make substantive progress on the following priorities:

- Provide greater access to adult basic education and English language learning programs by eliminating fees.
- Reduce the financial burden on students by eliminating interest on B.C. government student loans and establish a \$1,000 completion grant program to provide debt relief for B.C. graduates.

