

PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

ORDER OF THE MINISTER OF  
FINANCE

*The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

Ministerial Order No. M 411

I, Deputy Minister of Finance, order the following under s. 33.1(3) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 165:

1. The Ministry of Advanced Education and the Ministry of Education may disclose the personal information found in Appendix "A" to this order outside of Canada through the internet.

October 17, 2016



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Date

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For Minister of Finance

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*(This part is for administrative purposes only and is not part of the Order.)*

**Authority under which Order is made:**

Act and section: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 33.1(3)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Appendix "A"**

For Immediate Release  
Oct. 17, 2016

Ministry of Education  
STATEMENT

### **Vancouver school board replaced with official trustee**

VICTORIA - Education Minister Mike Bernier released the following statement on the appointment of former Delta school district superintendent Dianne Turner as official trustee for the Vancouver school district to replace the board of trustees dismissed today.

"The Vancouver school board has been dismissed for failing to comply with the School Act which required the board to adopt a balanced budget by June 30, 2016. Dianne Turner has been appointed as official trustee for the district.

"This step has been taken despite the possibility that the board may now be willing to pass a balanced budget. It is impossible to have any confidence that a potential last-minute change of position on the district budget signals a fundamental change in the attitude which has so far led the board to refuse to follow the law.

"What we have witnessed from the Vancouver school board is a misplaced focus on political tactics rather than responsible stewardship.

"In addition to the fact of non-compliance, since the end of June there have been a number of publicly-reported developments which are causing concern about stability in Vancouver schools for students. The BC School Superintendents Association informed my ministry of troubling allegations regarding trustees and a workplace that has become toxic for staff. WorkSafeBC is looking into allegations of bullying. I have received letters of concern from people inside the school district.

"Special Advisor Peter Milburn was appointed to report on the VSB's financial and governance practices. I received his draft report Saturday and it deepens my concerns. It was my desire to release that report today. Instead, due to

a privacy complaint that has been publicly reported, the appropriate course is to wait for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to complete its privacy investigation.

"Parents in Vancouver and the province are counting on Ms. Turner to end the continuing turmoil that has dominated the Vancouver school board for too long. After restoring order in district operations, it will be her job to work with her district team and develop a plan that puts Vancouver back on a firm financial footing while further accelerating seismic upgrades and preserving education services for students."

A backgrounder with a bio on Dianne Turner follows.

**Quick Facts:**

- An official trustee, appointed under the School Act, assumes all the duties and responsibilities typically required of a board of education, including the obligations to conduct public board meetings and community consultations.
- Turner's appointment as official trustee is for one year, with the option to extend.

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# BACKGROUND

## Dianne Turner Biography

Dianne Turner taught for 13 years as a science teacher and department head in the Vancouver school district before becoming a vice-principal. She held this position at various schools for several years, and then became principal at Point Grey secondary. Following four years at Point Grey, Turner was appointed as the principal at Eric Hamber secondary for five years.

In August 2008, Turner became the assistant superintendent at the Delta school district. After two years in this position, she took on the role of leading the Delta school district as superintendent. Turner was in this role for six years before being hired as B.C.'s chief educator in August 2016.

In addition to her extensive work in the Delta school district and Ministry of Education, Dianne Turner also sits – or has sat – on the following committees:

- BC School Superintendents Association executive
- Canadian Education Association Advisory Council member
- New Teachers' Mentorship Advisory Committee
- Ministry of Education Accountability Framework Advisory Committee
- Greater Vancouver Food Bank director
- Learning Advisory Board chair
- Ministry of Education Executive Committee
- Leadership Development Working Group
- Continuing Professional Development Committee
- Sector Advisory Council
- UBC Transformative Educational Leadership programs Advisory Committee
- SFU Deans Advisory Committee
- BCPSEA Advisory Committee
- BCSSA Dimensions of Practice Review Committee
- Ministry of Education Competency Development Consulting Group Member
- BCSSA Membership Committee Chair

Turner was born and raised in Vancouver. After graduating from a Vancouver high school, she went on to study at Simon Fraser University (SFU) where she achieved a bachelor's degree with a major in biology and a minor in

environmental science. Following her degree, she completed her professional development program in teaching through SFU. Turner then went on to complete her master's degree in educational leadership at SFU, and is currently completing the Educational Leadership Doctoral program.