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**RE: Sustainable funding for Options for Sexual Health**

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As the Board of Education for Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools, we would like to express our support for continued, sustainable funding for Options for Sexual Health as a vital service for youth in our communities.

With more than 15,000 students in our schools, we encourage the Ministry of Health to commit to ensuring sexual and reproductive health services remain available through Options for Sexual Health by committing to sustainable funding. There is considerable data that access to clinics providing birth control, cervical cancer screening, STI testing and treatment, pregnancy testing and options counselling, and general sexual and reproductive health services result in more positive outcomes, especially for youth.

We are grateful for the ongoing work of Options staff to provide access to information, care, education and resources through accessible clinics for our youth.

Please do not hesitate to share our Board of Education's support for sustainable funding for Options for Sexual Health with provincial staff and other elected representatives.

Sincerely,



Naomi Bailey  
Board Chair, Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools