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Dear Mr. Robinson:

I am writing to thank you for taking the time on February 18, 2008, to meet with me and Ron Cantelon, MLA (Nanaimo-Parksville), to discuss the Our Hidden Heroes program and your goals to expand it to reach students across British Columbia and beyond.

I am impressed by both the educational quality and the motivational spirit of the Our Hidden Heroes program. The Ministry of Education shares your views on the importance of helping students recognize and learn from the positive role models in their families, schools and communities—our hidden heroes. Showing students that ordinary people can impact the world and encouraging them to become Hidden Heroes themselves are important parts of the program. I find it encouraging that a program has been developed to extend this concept in a way that can benefit all students and would hope to see Our Hidden Heroes integrated into many classrooms across the province.

It is, however, important to remember that while the Ministry's provincial curriculum sets out learning expectations, boards of education decide how to deliver the curriculum, including the selection of the resources and programs they will use. Therefore, the Ministry is able to provide support by

- providing commentary on the links between the Our Hidden Heroes program materials and the provincial curriculum and BC Performance Standards, as well as making recommendations, if appropriate, for strengthening the program;
- providing assistance to help your organization make connections and build relationships with key educators across the province; and
- publishing a short program description in EdInfo (www.bced.gov.bc.ca/edinfo), the Ministry's bi-weekly electronic digest of education news and information distributed to all those with an interest in the K-12 community.

I hope these efforts will help you increase awareness of the Our Hidden Heroes program as you move forward with your plans to introduce it to schools and school districts across the province.

Sincerely,

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