

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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RE: Letter of Support for Connect the Coast Initiative

On behalf of School District 46 Sunshine Coast (SD46), I would like to express my support for the Connect the Coast initiative, which seeks to advocate for and realize the construction of a multi-use path from Langdale to Sechelt.

SD46 is responsible for the administration of nine elementary and four secondary schools on the lower Sunshine Coast. The school district provides public education to over 3,400 students supported by 600 dedicated staff in the beautiful coastal communities of the Sunshine Coast, from Earls Cove to Port Mellon, including Langdale, Gibsons, Roberts Creek, Davis Bay, Sechelt, West Sechelt, Halfmoon Bay, Madeira Park, Pender Harbour and Egmont.

At SD46, we are dedicated to creating a safe, caring and healthy learning and working environment that is inclusive of the diversity of our entire learning community. The creation of safe routes to school is essential to meeting the needs of our community. Safe and easily accessible active transportation infrastructure for walking, cycling and micro-mobility, will encourage children and families to adopt healthy and active lifestyles, enhance transportation equity and above all, ensure our children, youth and their families can travel safely to and from school without relying on motor vehicles.

SD46 has a long history of working to establish safe routes to school and will continue to work collaboratively with Transportation Choices Sunshine Coast and the Connect the Coast Society to achieve this. We urge the relevant government bodies and aligned organizations to support the Connect the Coast initiative.

Sincerely,

Amanda Amaral Board Chair

Cc: Board of Education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) Kate Kerr, Superintendent Nicholas Weswick, Secretary-Treasurer