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**Subject:** BCLTA Member Support for Renewal of Strategic Plan for Public Libraries  
**Attachments:** May\_12\_Premier\_Campbell.pdf

In light of the pending renewal and update of the 2004 Strategic Plan for Public Libraries, the Executive Board of the BC Library Trustees' Association wishes to encourage BCLTA members to write to Premier Gordon Campbell in appreciation of recent provincial investments in libraries and literacy. In particular, if library boards could convey their own success stories stemming from the existing strategic plan, this would give the Premier concrete examples of money well spent and provide a rationale for continuing and enhanced investment in the public library sector.

Stories about collaborative initiatives with neighbouring libraries, OneCard successes, Evergreen pilots, virtual reference efficiencies, etc. will show the Premier that we are working together throughout the province to improve library service to British Columbians. With a *Library Act* review on the horizon and consultations on a renewed strategic plan about to be launched by PLSB, this is an excellent time to communicate our appreciation for investments to date and to encourage further long-term investments in libraries and literacy.

BCLTA has sent the attached letter to the Premier with copies to Minister Bond and PLSB Director Jacqueline van Dyk, and we would encourage you, as BCLTA members, to draft letters of your own – taking care to mention successful projects and initiatives in your communities and regions.