

March 13, 2015

To: All Staff

We are deeply disappointed by the allegations made in an article published today in the Delta Optimist and the Vancouver Sun (<http://www.delta-optimist.com/news/delta-teachers-association-raises-concerns-over-cleanliness-1.1790076>). This news story reflects the views of the leadership of the Delta Teacher's Association towards the cleanliness and upkeep of our schools. We believe this article, based on statements made by DTA President Paul Steer, does not accurately reflect the results of the hard work that our custodial and maintenance staff undertake throughout the year. Our schools are healthy, safe and presentable environments for staff and students.

The age of a building does not reflect the cleanliness or level of maintenance of a building. We are grateful for the hard work of our Facilities Branch staff. They are responsible for the upkeep of our buildings and grounds. These individuals are proud, dedicated, and work hard to maintain the resources we have, and address issues that arise so our schools remain safe and healthy to work and learn in.

In December, we expressed our appreciation to Delta School District "Behind the Scenes" staff by sharing this video: <https://vimeo.com/114826400>. We wish to reiterate our thanks, and say again that on a *daily basis* we are aware of and enjoy clean offices and rooms to work in.

Respectfully,



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Delta Board of Education



Dianne Turner
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Delta Board of Education
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