

August 11, 2017

Mayor Derek Corrigan and Council
4949 Canada Way
Burnaby, BC, Canada V5G 1M2

RE: Don't Close the Doors campaign support

Dear Mayor Derek Corrigan,

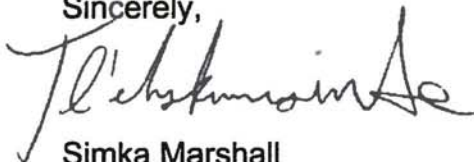
On behalf of the Douglas Students' Union and the British Columbia Federation of Students, we would like to thank you for your support of basic education for adult learners.

On August 8, the BC Government announced it would eliminate tuition fees on adult basic education (ABE) programming, meaning that thousands of adult learners will be able to reskill and upgrade their education to enter the workforce or go onto a trades or university program. Dramatic enrolment declines have been reported across the province since tuition fees were implemented on these courses in 2015. These fees have served as yet another barrier for those from low- and middle income backgrounds to overcome.

The Burnaby City Council was one of 23 local governments to join our call for accessible education for adults no matter their background. This policy change will help eliminate barriers for some of our most marginalized populations in BC and will strengthen both our community and economy.

We appreciate the leadership your council has demonstrated by supporting college and university students in standing up for public education.

Sincerely,



Simka Marshall
Chairperson
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Tanysha Klassen
Director of External Relations
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