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Dear Pearson College;

This December we celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary the Nobel Peace Prize being awarded to Lester B. Pearson. His important legacy of taking a humane approach to international relations through mutual understanding and dialogue has shaped the way that we think about working together.

In 1974 Pearson United World College of the Pacific opened on the shores of Vancouver Island in my riding. Pearson College was inspired by the vision of Canada's only Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Lester B. Pearson. Today, that vision is embodied in the school that proudly bears his name. One can draw a direct line between the College's deliberate diversity policy and his philosophy. Students are chosen on merit, not on their ability to pay, opening the door for young people for whom this type of education would otherwise remain just a dream.

Pearson College brings young people from 160 countries to live and learn together in Canada. They learn, not only from their teachers, but also from their peers and from the many British Columbians they meet. They leave Pearson not only with new skills, but with a vision of how to work together to tackle critical issues, both in their home countries and in the world at large.

It gives me great pride to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearson's Nobel Peace Prize and the incredible educational experience available at Pearson College that is also part of his legacy.

Sincerely,

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