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**DIX ANNOUNCES BURSARIES FOR LOCAL SCHOOL FROM MLA SALARY HIKE**

**VICTORIA** – Vancouver – Kingsway MLA Adrian Dix announced today that he will make his first contribution from his MLA pay increase to support bursaries for students at the secondary schools in his riding – Gladstone Secondary School and Windermere Secondary School.

“Under the leadership of Carole James, every member of the New Democrat caucus has committed to give the increase in pay under the Campbell Liberals’ MLA pay increase legislation to charitable causes. I am proud to do my part by supporting students in my community,” Dix said.

“The students at Gladstone and Windermere do a remarkable job at their studies and in contributing to the community. It is an honour to recognize their contribution to life in our community and assist them in their future studies,” noted Dix

Dix said he will donate \$550 to each school for this year’s graduating bursaries. Dix already donates \$300 each for bursaries at the two schools, and these new donations will be on top of his current donations for a total of \$850 for Gladstone and \$850 for Windermere.

Under the B.C. Liberal legislation, the pay raise will go into effect retroactive to April 1, 2007. Dix plans to establish an advisory group from the community to assist in selecting the recipients of future contributions.

“I can walk along Kingsway from Boundary Road to Rupert Street in my riding, and go to dozens of small businesses, and not find a single person making as much as the \$65,000 raise that Gordon Campbell is going to vote himself in this Legislature.

“I oppose the MLA pay legislation because it is totally out of touch of the realities faced every day by the majority of British Columbians. If this law takes effect, I will be delighted to help students who are among the people forgotten by the Campbell government,” Dix concluded.

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