



Memorandum of Understanding  
*on Promoting High School Students' Mobility*  
*between*

the Ministry of Education, University and Research of the Italian Republic *and*  
the Ministry of Education of the Province of British Columbia of Canada

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The Ministry of Education, University and Research of the Italian Republic and the Ministry of Education of the Province of British Columbia of Canada and hereinafter referred to as the "Participants" in accordance with their respective competencies in the field of high school students' mobility,

***Desiring*** to promote among the citizens of their respective jurisdictions mutual knowledge of their culture and civilization;

***Acknowledging*** the previous Memorandum of Understanding signed on October 7, 1997 between the Consulate General of Italy in British Columbia and the British Columbia Ministry of Education, Skills and Training, regarding the importance of the study of Italian language and culture; and

***Considering***

- a. the cultural and economic ties between Italy and the Province of British Columbia;
- b. that multicultural and multilingual education is a powerful means of fostering understanding and solidarity between peoples and jurisdictions;
- c. that multicultural and multilingual education is a means of cultural enrichment and cultural heritage;
- d. that the Participants strive for cooperation and promotion of cultural values and a better mutual understanding between their citizens; and

***Wishing*** to deepen communication related to education and ties between the Participants

and wishing to promote increased education cooperation among secondary schools;

Have come to the following understanding:

## **1. OBJECTIVES**

*The objectives of this Memorandum of Understanding are to:*

- a. identify potential areas of enhanced cooperation in educational exchange and promotion between the Participants; and
- b. identify possible ways to facilitate the exchange of students, teachers and principals.

## **2. INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

*The Participants will promote information exchange between the Participants with a view to communicating the following:*

- a. Educational policies and regulations;
- b. Two-way educational exchange and promotion activities;
- c. Information regarding potential mutual visits; and
- d. To the extent known, relevant information regarding initiatives related to international education undertaken by educational institutions.

## **3. AREAS OF COOPERATION**

*The Participants will review and update the following priority areas for two-way educational exchange and cooperation on an annual basis.*

*Secondary student mobility through secondary school educational partnerships:*

- a. The Participants will promote, to the extent and in the manner determined by each Participant, educational exchanges among the schools of their jurisdictions, facilitating contacts between Italian and British Columbian schools.
- b. The Participants will collaborate on the promotion of opportunities for students, teachers and principals to visit the other Participant's schools for short periods.

## **4. COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

- a. To facilitate direct dialogue, the Participants will each designate a representative for the coordination and efficient management of activities under this Memorandum of Understanding, and inform the other Participant within one month of the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- b. Within six months of the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding the Participants will develop a work plan of cooperative educational activities through their representatives.

**5. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- a. This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to be and will not be interpreted or construed as a formal or legally enforceable agreement but is solely an expression and record of the understanding reached between the Participants.
- b. The Participants will conduct all activities under this Memorandum of Understanding at their discretion, subject to the availability of resources and within the limits of the available resources.
- c. This Memorandum of Understanding will be implemented in accordance with the current laws and regulations of each jurisdiction and, in the case of Italy, also in keeping with the legislation owing to Italy's membership in the European Union.

**6. EFFECTIVE TERM**

- a. This Memorandum of Understanding:
  - i. Is effective on the date of its signature and remains in effect for three (3) years;
  - ii. May be modified by mutual written consent by the Participants;
  - iii. May be terminated by either Participant giving one (1) month written notice to the other Participant.


Signed in duplicate in Victoria, British Columbia, on June 13, 2016 in the English language.

*for the:*

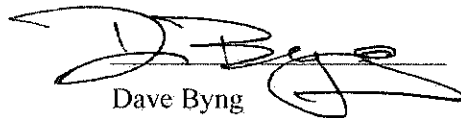
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