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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 2010

VICTORIA - Tuesday, Oct. 5 is World Teachers' Day and I want to express my gratitude to B.C.'s teachers. As I've travelled the province, I have met many students and adults who have told me wonderful stories about the great teachers they have had, and the tremendous difference those teachers have made in their lives. As well, I have met teachers who have inspired me with their ideas, creativity and caring, and made me want to work with them to make our excellent education system even better.

In B.C., we are fortunate to have teachers who are not only shaping a generation of learners, but who also provide us with leadership. In so many respects, teachers help parents and communities understand how to be mentors and coaches for the young people who will, in turn, be our future leaders. Teachers are at the heart of our classrooms and every day through their work they show us how to put students first.

As we strive to personalize learning for every child so that they are prepared to thrive in the 21st century, our skilled and dedicated teachers will always be central to the learning experience of students and their families.

This year, World Teacher's Day is being celebrated with the song, You Have Made a Difference. Teachers continue to make a difference, one child at a time, and I encourage everyone to join me in honouring the energy and enthusiasm they bring to their students each day. Please take a moment to thank a teacher today.

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