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GVRSF Committee  
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Dear Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair Committee:

Science fairs can develop students' scientific research skills, promote project-based learning and provide educators an opportunity to mentor students. Educators are pivotal in exposing students to science fairs and developing science talent in Greater Vancouver. To help you with improving educator participation on the GVRSF committee, please accept this formal report on "Enhancing Participation of Educators in the Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair Committee".

This report shows that educators and alumni strongly believe that educator participation on the GVRSF committee can be influenced by time and acquaintance with the science fair program. Notably, a comment received in the educator survey mentioned, "It would be helpful to give teachers who participate some preparation blocks." Hence, increasing support of GVRSF from school administration and the school board may allow educators to learn more about the regional science fair and have a more flexible schedule to volunteer on the committee. Furthermore, providing professional development opportunities at GVRSF can be beneficial in attracting more educators to the committee.

It has been a pleasure investigating ways to potentially enhance educator participation on the GVRSF Committee. Thank you very much for your support on this investigation. With your help in sharing the information about this study, over 80 educators and alumni completed a survey response and two educators participated in an interview. I hope the findings and recommendations from the report are informative and encourages the committee to establish solid educator recruitment strategies for GVRSF 2020. If you have any questions or concerns about this report, please feel free to contact me at [janice@gvrsf.ca](mailto:janice@gvrsf.ca).

Sincerely,



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