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Since forming government in 2001, British Columbia has come a long way in highlighting the importance of being active in order to be healthy because we know that healthy students perform better in school. One great way to be active is to be involved in a sport – whether it is an individual sport or a team sport, the discipline, the practice and the accomplishments contribute a great deal to one’s self-esteem and self-confidence – two great strengths to have as students prepare for their future contributions to our society.



We know the spirit of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games is inspiring students more now than in previous years, and we hope to keep the momentum growing. British Columbia has so many ideal venues for year round water and land sporting activities for people of all ages, with our abundance of outdoor and indoor facilities within our schools and communities throughout the province.

The success of school sports programs could not be possible without dedicated coaches and the many volunteers that come out to assist and encourage the athletes. I commend them for their contributions – especially their belief in the importance of sports, healthy living and active lifestyles as a means to a better life.

Congratulations to the athletes and their many supporters and may this be an especially exciting and fulfilling year for everyone.