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The purpose of this letter is to remind you about the Occupational Title Protection granted to the West Coast Association of Visual Language Interpreters (WAVLI) and to provide the information you need to ensure employees within your district hold the proper credentials.

As previously noted in our letter of April 16, 2013, the WAVLI was granted Occupational Title Protection by the BC Provincial Government, on July 07, 2011, meaning the following titles and corresponding initials are restricted for use by Active Members of WAVLI only: (1) **Registered ASL/English Interpreter (R.A.S.L.E.I)**, (2) **Registered Sign Language Interpreter (R.S.L.I)**, and (3) **Registered Visual Language Interpreter (R.V.L.I)**.

Active WAVLI Membership status assures the public that members have graduated from a recognized Interpreter Education Program, and adhere to ethical standards of practice. Occupational Title Protection provides the avenue to access the individuals who hold the required knowledge and skill to deliver sign language interpreting services and assures your district, the administrators, teachers, parents and students that the employee (or prospective employee) is qualified to provide these specialized services.

If your school district already has positions and/or job descriptions that use one of the three protected titles (or something similar, i.e. sign language interpreter, visual language interpreter, etc.) the transition is simple. As long as employees within these positions hold Active WAVLI Membership status, they legitimately have the right to use the respective title, and the school district is guaranteed the employee has the credentials to provide the needed service.

The WAVLI is committed to the promotion of quality interpreting services and assisting hiring bodies in attaining the services they need. To this end, the WAVLI would be happy to circulate job postings that use any one of the three protected titles, to our members. This will ensure your district has full access to all qualified BC residents.

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If you have any questions about Occupational Title Protection, or would like to circulate a job posting to our members, please contact professionalstandards@wavli.com.

Sincerely,
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