"I dream tof a country where education would prevail."

This powerful quote is by Malala Yousafzai, a 16 year old school girl from Mingora, Pakistan. She alone has provided an international focus on the right to education, by not being afraid to speak out, even after she was shot last October, for what she believes in.

Malala reminds us all how education is the key to success. It broadens minds, and opens doors to new and better job opportunities, while ensuring that economic growth prevails.

It is ironic that attempts to silence her have only made her stronger.

The United Nations Special Envoy for Global Education <u>Gordon</u> <u>Brown</u> launched a UN petition in Yousafzai's name, demanding that all children worldwide be in school by the end of 2015 a petition which helped lead to the ratification of Pakistan's first Right to Education Bill.

<u>magazine considers her one of "The 100 Most Influential</u> <u>People in the World</u>".

She was the winner of Pakistan's first <u>National Youth Peace Prize</u> and was nominated for the 2013 <u>Nobel Peace Prize</u>

And in October the <u>Government of Canada</u> announced that the <u>Parliament of Canada</u> confers <u>Honorary Canadian citizenship</u> upon Yousafzai. As she has put it, her voice has given rise to many Malalas, and she has certainly inspired our youth.

education - both at home and around the world.

Thank you for your commitment to public education in Burnaby

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