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via email: educ.minister@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Minister of Education, Rachna Singh
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Re: 2024/25-CPSD73-01 Capital Plan Response Letter

Dear Honourable Minister Rachna Singh:

On behalf of our Board, I would like to thank you for the recent Capital Plan Response Letter for our 2024/25 Capital Plan submission. We appreciate that 3 minor capital projects were approved and that 3 school buses were approved.

We also appreciate that the Site Acquisition funding for the future Aberdeen Secondary School site has been approved. Aberdeen Secondary School is the School District's number one capital priority. There are significant overcrowding issues at Sa-Hali Secondary School, which is currently at 131% capacity utilization and is projected to grow to 178% by 2033.-The elementary schools in that area, which would be graduating students to go to Aberdeen Secondary are currently at 141% (average). We look forward to working with Ministry staff to secure support for Aberdeen Secondary School, our first priority in the Board's [2024-2025 Capital Plan](#).

I would also like to share my gratitude on behalf of the Board for the role of support that Ministry of Education and Child Care staff played in assisting us to communicate the need to expedite the Crown Grant to Honorable Minister Nathan Cullen in the Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship. We have received [confirmation](#) from Minister Cullen that this Crown Grant will be granted this Spring.

Therefore, our Board would ask for the Ministry of Education and Child Care to provide funding support for an elementary school in Batchelor Heights.

Please contact me, Board Chair Heather Grieve at hgrieve@sd73.bc.ca, if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Heather Grieve
Board Chair, School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)

cc: SD73 Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools, Secretary-Treasurer