



Reference: 32972

February 28, 2024

Heather Grieve, Board Chair
School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)
1383- 9th Avenue
Kamloops, British Columbia
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Dear Heather Grieve:

Thank you for your letter of December 13, 2023, regarding prioritization of the Crown Grant application for the Batchelor Heights Elementary School (File 3413702). I understand the importance of this project to School District No. 73 and the community of Kamloops. I apologize for the delayed response.

As you acknowledged, ministry staff have been working diligently on your application. In February 2023, staff submitted an Order in Council request to the Strategic Priorities group of the Deputy Minister's Office, who is responsible for managing Cabinet submissions. Staff advised your Director of Facilities, Art McDonald, on November 20, 2023, that due to the reorganization of the Ministry of Forests and the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, the file would not receive a Fall Cabinet review date.

The Strategic Priorities staff have committed to flag the file as urgent for an early Spring 2024 Cabinet review. Upon satisfying any preconditions noted in the Crown Grant offer, and upon approval of the Crown Grant by Cabinet, a package will be submitted to Crown Grant Services for issuance of the Grant. I will ensure that staff continue to highlight the urgency of this file for Cabinet review this spring.

Again, thank you for writing and sharing your concerns about the new Batchelor Heights Elementary School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan Cullen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nathan Cullen
Minister

pc: Gord MacDonald, Section Head Crown Lands, Thompson Okanagan