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Honourable Mike Farnworth,
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General and Deputy Premier
Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Farnworth:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Kamloops-Thompson Board of Education to advocate for **continued attention to the safety of Highway 5**, in the North Thompson region. It is well known that this highway has had many tragedies resulting in death due to unsafe driving conditions in the past year.

As trustees, we live in the Kamloops-Thompson District (27,000 square kilometers spanning the size of Vancouver Island), which includes Highway 5.

We appreciate the increased presence of Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement (CVSE) issuing tickets on Highway 5. This support has made a marked positive difference in the way drivers are choosing to drive over the last few months. While poor choices of drivers is certainly part of the reason for the danger, CVSE cannot be the solution forever, nor does it address the entire problem.

Based on your [mandate letter](#) (Dec. 7, 2023), you concur with our position as you emphasized that one of your goals is: *Continue to advocate for federal government reforms related to public safety and Convene roundtables with community leaders across the province on safety issues in their communities to identify ways to work in partnership on these issues.*

We are writing to request that your Ministry works with Minister Fleming to conduct a traffic safety of this Highway 5 and propose and act on recommendations to make it safer.

Sincerely,
Heather Grieve, Board Chair

School District No.73 (Kamloops-Thompson) Board of Education
Cc: Board of Trustees