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sent via email: Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca

Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Fleming:

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 was emphasized that one of your goals is: *Ensuring people in rural, remote and Indigenous communities throughout Northern B.C. have access to safe, reliable transportation services through the expansion of community shuttle bus services and BC Bus North.*

We are writing to request that your Ministry continues to work towards increased safety of Highway 5 through the North Thompson, and prepare a traffic safety study and propose and act on recommendations to driving safer in this region.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Board of Trustees