



**SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)**

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*via email:* [FOR.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:FOR.Minister@gov.bc.ca)

Honourable Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Nathan Cullen  
PO Box 9049, STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

**Re: Expedite Crown Grant Application**

Dear Honourable Nathan Cullen:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Kamloops-Thompson Board of Education. We look forward to working with you in your role as Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship on an urgent request for a Crown Grant application for the Batchelor Heights Elementary School site.

On February 4, 2023, we had written a thank you letter to Mr. Gord Humphrey who had expedited the Crown application through the local Ministry of Forests office. The need to expedite this application was because our Board had just approved a catchment change to manage the overflow of students in Westmount Elementary School which was at 181% capacity utilization. We displaced 90 Batchelor Heights students out of Westmount Elementary School and relocated them to two non-catchment area schools while we wait for funding approval and construction of a new school in Batchelor Heights.

For the Ministry of Education and Child Care to provide funding approval for this new school, we first require Crown grant approval. On April 19, 2023, our Director of Facilities, Art McDonald, had been informed that the Order In Council request had been sent to Victoria for processing.

Our Board appeals to you for your assistance to make the processing of this Crown Grant application a high priority. Your team's hard work has been appreciated and is necessary now to help us to expedite the funding approval for the new Batchelor Heights Elementary School.

Sincerely,

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

cc: SD73 Board of Education  
Minister of Education and Child Care  
Superintendent  
Secretary Treasurer