



December 28, 2022

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

Honourable Minister of Education, Rachna Singh
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Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Re: *Ministry-District Joint News Release for Pineview Valley Elementary School*

Dear Honourable Minister Rachna Singh:

On behalf of our board, I would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as the Honourable Minister of Education and Child Care. We have had a positive working relationship with Minister Whiteside, Deputy Minister Zacharuk, and Assistant Deputy Minister Brown. We appreciate all that they have done to work with the Kamloops-Thompson Board of Education to support progress on our capital priorities.

One example of our positive working relationship was a Ministry-District Joint News Release for the announcement of ministry support for a new school in Batchelor Heights in April 2022. Our community expressed notable appreciation to learn of progress through this joint news release.

This joint release provided much needed reassurance of the strength of the working relationship between the Ministry and our Board. Continued joint announcements of the progress on capital projects would be of great benefit to our community, District, Board of Education and the Ministry as it shows continued strength in working relationships and the efficacy of our collaboration. We invite you to consider a joint Ministry-District News Release for the anticipated announcement of an elementary school in Pineview Valley in this next cycle of funding announcements.

On November 3, 2022, the Kamloops-Thompson Board of Education approved a financial contribution towards this project at the stage that it is currently at, which is awaiting a capital project funding agreement.

Given the immense pressure in the McGowan-Pineview areas due to exponential growth, we have a working group within this community to manage space constraints which are considerable (i.e., McGowan Elementary is at 160% and projected to be at 193% in 2026). A funding announcement would support continued patience of this community given that there are no

surrounding schools with space (i.e., capacity utilization of neighborhood schools—Dufferin-134%, Pacific Way-160%, Aberdeen- 111%) to manage a catchment change.

We therefore are looking forward to this anticipated public announcement of a new school as a way to celebrate progress towards more new schools with our community.

Please know that our Board respects any decision that you make around this request. If you choose to proceed with a joint release, please contact me, Board Chair Heather Grieve at hgrieve@sd73.bc.ca. Thank you for your time and consideration of our offer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Grieve".

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

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