



SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)

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via email: [Honorable Katrine Conroy's email](#)

Honourable Minister of Forests, Katrine Conroy
PO Box 9049, STN PROV GOVT
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Re: Pineview Valley Elementary School Crown Grant, File 3407965

Dear Honourable Minister Conroy:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Education of School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) to request support to expedite the Pineview Valley Elementary School Crown Grant application and to further our two other Crown Grant applications.

We acknowledge the difficulties your staff have been faced with over the last few years such as the pandemic and the wildfires; however, the Pineview Valley Crown Grant application was submitted on July 8, 2019. As far as the School District is aware, we have previously provided all the requested information and completed all steps in the application process.

Funding for the school is desperately needed to resolve overcrowding at several elementary schools in Kamloops, will not be provided until we have completed the crown grant process. For example, McGowan Park Elementary, where the majority of the students living in the Pineview Valley community attend this school, is significantly over capacity at 166%, with further student enrolment expected to increase this problem. We are in the unique situation in this area to have to expedite a new school because we do not have nearby schools with enough space to do a catchment change.

We have two further requests to expedite our Crown Grant applications for Batchelor Heights and Juniper Ridge west. In 2022, we completed 13 catchment area changes and re-opened a school to manage significant enrollment growth and school overcapacity problems in several areas, including Batchelor Heights and Juniper Ridge. The Ministry of Education and Child Care has provided support for a new school in Batchelor Heights, but similar to Pineview Valley, the Crown Grant is required before the Ministry will provide funding for the new school. Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Grieve". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Heather Grieve
Board Chair, School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)
cc: SD73 Board of Education
Minister of Education and Child Care
Superintendent
Secretary Treasurer