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Heather Grieve, Chair
Board of Education
School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)
Email: hgrieve@sd73.bc.ca

Dear Heather Grieve:

Thank you for your letter from January 22, 2023, with a follow up after my visit with the Kamloops-Thompson Board of Education.

The Ministry appreciates the District continuing to highlight the importance of a site acquisition for a future Aberdeen Secondary school site. The Ministry is considering the request as part of the annual capital planning process, alongside other requests for capital funding from the other 59 public boards of education. It is our intent to communicate approved priorities in writing with each school district in March, following the provincial budget process.

Recently, the Pineview Elementary project was approved for \$65.27 million, which includes a 485-seat school with additional funding for childcare, Green House Gas reduction and Mass Timber. In last year's 2022/23 Capital Plan Response Letter, the Batchelor Heights Elementary project was also supported to proceed to business case development as a result of the enrolment pressures faced by the District. The Ministry looks forward to considering that business case once it has been finalized.

Thank you for sharing the key strategies the District has committed to in order to identify and address issues of racism.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Singh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath the name.

Rachna Singh
Minister