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The Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Fleming,

Re: Aboriginal Education Funding

On April 28, 2017 we wrote to your predecessor on this subject, and received a response from former Deputy Minister Dave Byng dated June 9, 2017. At the meeting of the Board of Education on September 12, 2017 the Board asked that I write you to ask that you reconsider the response that we received.

With the government's adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and its implementation of the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report, it is more important than ever to support the work of all districts by providing funding for additional resources for Aboriginal Education.

Attached to this letter you will find a copy of our original letter dated April 28, 2017. We look forward with anticipation to a positive response to the request, originally from School District No. 23, that additional core funding will be provided for Aboriginal Education learning resources and staff to support the implementation of the redesigned curriculum.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Last", written in a cursive style.

Mrs. Tina Last
Chair

cc: MLA Jennifer Rice
BCSTA