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Subject: Re: Bill 15 info

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Dear MLA Kristina Loewen,

Thank you for your thoughtful email and for taking the time to tune into last week's Board of Education meeting. I'm glad you found the PAC member's comments affirming. The Board deeply values the partnership we share with parents and caregivers, and we remain committed to fostering transparency, openness, and collaboration in all that we do.

I also appreciate your engagement with Bill 15 and your desire to contribute to a balanced and informed conversation. As you noted, one of our trustees expressed optimism about the potential for faster school construction under the new legislation. While the prospect of more timely capital project approvals is appealing—especially given the urgent need for new and expanded schools in our growing communities—it is important to consider all perspectives.

Thank you for sharing the press release and additional commentary. I have reviewed the materials you provided, including the concerns raised by the Official Opposition, Indigenous leaders, UBCM, and others. These viewpoints offer important context, and I recognize that legislation of this nature warrants careful scrutiny and dialogue.

As a Board, we will continue to monitor developments closely and advocate for what best supports students, families, and public education—both in terms of infrastructure and the democratic principles that underpin our system.

I truly appreciate you taking the time to reach out and contribute to this ongoing conversation. Please don't hesitate to stay in touch.

Warmest Regards,

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Good afternoon,

I hope that this email finds you well. I was excited to tune into last week's school board meeting via zoom. It was great to see and hear the PAC member expressing gratitude for the current board's spirit of transparency, openness, and collaboration.

One thing that I noted was that one of the trustees had mentioned enthusiasm for new Legislation that Minister Ma had explained would build schools faster. While that would be amazing, and I would certainly embrace building schools faster, I felt compelled to follow up on this matter and to present the point of view of the Official Opposition and one of your own MLAs. Please note that many other bodies and organizations also have serious concerns over Bill 15.

Please read the Press release attached. Please note the endorsements at the end as well as the quotes from the Green Party, Indigenous leaders, and UBCM.

Thank you so much for your time and I hope this helps to clarify some important and concerning points on this bill.

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