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Medicine Hat Public School Division Board of Trustees 601 - 1st Ave SW Medicine Hat AB T1A 4Y7

Dear Mr. Massini and the Board of Trustees:

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the community stakeholder engagement session on Tuesday, March 13th. We commend the board in taking the initiative to bring stakeholders together from across our community to have a dialogue about the School Divisions' plans and priorities and how they can better align with the priorities of the community.

The session was well organized and facilitated and demonstrated true leadership in your effort to find strategic goals that aligned not only with the outcomes of the School District and Alberta Education, but also with those of the community.

When we work collectively to identify the needs of our community through stakeholder engagement, we are truly able to create more robust and comprehensive strategies that will place our community ahead of others in terms of quality education and community collaboration. This type of process, along with continued dialogue and implementation plans, will provide for a greater source of collective community knowledge, strengthened relationships and greater confidence, interest and partnerships to move your priorities and those of our community forward.

This strategic engagement session was intended to allow your school system to better understand local priorities, but it also had the benefit of helping community stakeholders understand the School District priorities and how we can work towards alignment of our collective interests.

We look forward to the continued conversations and the outcomes from the session.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kowalchuk Executive Director