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Drew Barnes, MLA

Cypress-Medicine Hat Constituency

June 15, 2016

Myplace Mental Health Capacity Building Projects

c/o Canadian Mental Health Association

#204 – 1865 Dunmore Road SE

Medicine Hat, AB T1A 1Z8

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on recently being awarded with the *Community Networking Award*! Mental health must be acknowledged as an integral part of a prosperous society. With one in five people experiencing a mental illness in their lifetime, the stigma needs to be lifted, and a plan must be put into action, with the purpose of improving the quality of life for all Albertans.

It is my hope that you will continue to encourage and strengthen others within the community and throughout Alberta to reach their greatest potential for success and prosperity. Strong communities have both a strong economic and social fabric – thanks for going above and beyond to help make this all possible.

On behalf of the constituents of Cypress-Medicine Hat, thank you for this incredible display of hard work and community spirit.

Keep up the great work!!

Sincerely,

Drew Barnes, MLA

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Mr. Terry Riley
Chair
Medicine Hat School District No. 76
601 - 1 Avenue SW
Medicine Hat AB T1A 4Y7

Dear Mr. Riley:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the Medicine Hat School District Board of Trustees. I am pleased to have the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

I recognize that there are many important players in creating safe and caring learning environments, and that parents, families and the larger school community are among the most important supports a student can have to learn and be successful in school.

With regard to my open letter to students and the new Student Support email address, I can assure you that the intent was not to replace or undermine the existing processes that school boards have in place. Rather, the email address is intended to provide students with an additional avenue through which they can reach out, if they feel the need to do so.

I agree that ideally, teachers should be the first point of contact for a student with concerns. In the event that the student does not feel safe approaching his or her parent, family member or someone within the school, the email address offers an alternative option. As emails are received, my staff will encourage students to connect with their parents, families and teachers about any issues they are experiencing, if they feel safe to do so.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to me and for your continued support of this important work.

Sincerely,

David Eggen
Minister

thank You For the donation,
this money will be used for my
education this September!

-Brooklin Bellavance

you made my day!

Thanks a lot

...to very thoughtful you!

Regards
Esha Kaushish
Medicine Hat High School

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