



Medicine Hat School District No. 76

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May 25, 2015

Hon. Brian Mason
Minister of Infrastructure,
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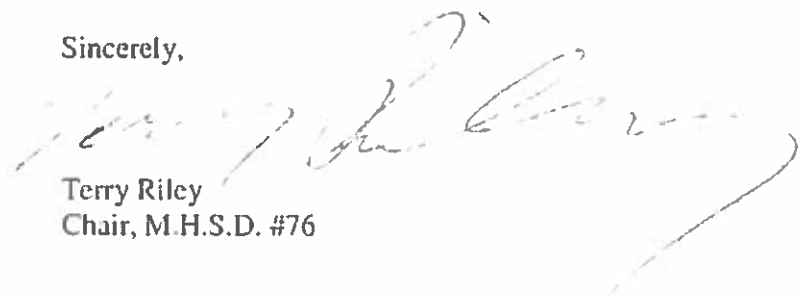
Dear Minister Mason:

The Board of Trustees, Medicine Hat School District No. 76, wishes to congratulate you in your recent electoral victory and your assumption of office as House Leader.

As you may know, there are many ongoing school projects, including a major renovation of Medicine Hat High School, and a school in the Rangeland area of Medicine Hat. We appreciate that your government is committed to the continued completion of these projects. We were hopeful that we could begin the work at Medicine Hat High School this summer, and would be grateful for any assistance you and your Cabinet could provide in this regard.

Again, congratulations to you and your colleagues in your recent electoral victory.

Sincerely,


Terry Riley
Chair, M.H.S.D. #76



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Hon. Rachel Notley
Premier, Province Of Alberta
307 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Notley:

The Board of Trustees, Medicine Hat School District No. 76, wishes to congratulate you in your recent electoral victory and your assumption of office as Premier of Alberta.

Many years ago, when I was a young teacher, your father did us the privilege of coming to Medicine Hat High School to speak to my students about government, his role as the leader of the NDP, and the philosophy of that party. He brought grace, commitment, intelligence and a dedication to the service of the people of Alberta.

Although I have not had the privilege of meeting you in person, there is every indication that you will emulate him in every regard. Medicine Hat School District No. 76 looks forward to working with you and your Cabinet in providing the very best learning opportunities possible to the students of Alberta. Again, congratulations on your victory and assumption of office.

Sincerely,



Terry Riley
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Mr. Bob Wanner
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly,
307 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Mr. Wanner:

The Board of Trustees, Medicine Hat School District No. 76, wishes to congratulate you in your recent electoral victory and your assumption of office.

We are again excited to have a member of the governing party as our MLA. It is always more comfortable to work with an MLA who is "on the same team" as the various ministers with whom we must work as a branch of local government. We realize that your role as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly will require you to be neutral in the house, but we are confident that you will do all you can outside the Assembly to support your constituents. Let me renew my invitation for you to visit with our Board of Trustees and executive officers at any time of your convenience.

Again, congratulations to you and your colleagues in your recent electoral victory.

Sincerely,



Terry Riley
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May 25, 2015

Hon. David Eggen
Minister of Education,
307 Legislature Building
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Dear Minister Eggen:

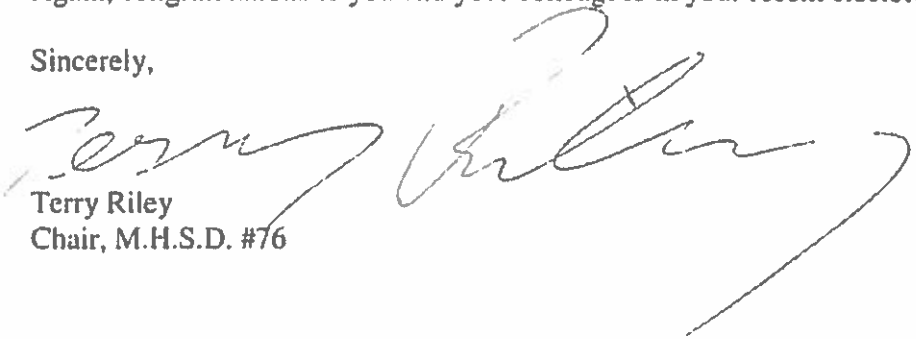
The Board of Trustees, Medicine Hat School District No. 76, wishes to congratulate you in your recent electoral victory and your assumption of office as Minister of Education.

As a former teacher myself, I was excited to see that someone who has classroom experience is to assume this most important responsibility of ensuring the development of our children and our province's future.

I am sure you are aware that Edmonton Public was the first District to pilot the All Day Every Day Kindergarten program. We in Medicine Hat School District No. 76 followed hard on their example, and for four years we operated such a program on our own initiative. We had to abandon this project because of a lack of additional provincial funding. We are pleased to note that your party is supportive of the introduction of this program on a province-wide basis as soon as finances permit. We are also pleased that your party is committed to the continuation of the renovation of schools and new school construction program.

Again, congratulations to you and your colleagues in your recent electoral victory.

Sincerely,


Terry Riley
Chair, M.H.S.D. #76



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May 19, 2015

Medicine Hat School District No. 76
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Attention: Dr. Grant Henderson, Superintendent

RE Agreement for mental health promotion, prevention and early intervention initiative called Mental Health Capacity Building in Schools between Alberta Health Services ("AHS") and Medicine Hat School District No. 76 dated July 1, 2014 with reference number CLM200972 (the "Agreement").

Pursuant to Section 2(b) of the Agreement, AHS hereby gives written notice that it is exercising its right to extend the term of the Agreement, such extension term to commence on July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2016 ("Extension Term"). Restricted Funding during the Extension Term will be based on the budget outlined in Schedule B of the Agreement. Also, in accordance with Section 5(d) Repayment of Surplus, any Surplus will not be approved to be carried over into this Extension Term.

Sincerely,

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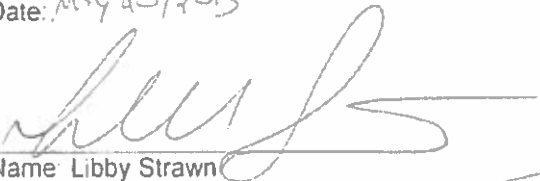
Per:


Name: Reed Allinson

Title: Contract Manager

Date: May 20/2015

Per:


Name: Libby Strawn

Title: Director

Date: May 20 2015

Alberta Teachers' Association pans school boards' call for return to local bargaining



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With the current collective agreement with Alberta teachers entering its final year, school boards are pushing for a return to local bargaining.

Earlier this week, a majority of school districts approved a resolution at the Alberta School Boards Association spring meeting in Red Deer that calls on the provincial government to ensure future settlements are negotiated between local parties.

The resolution would allow local teachers and school boards to, respectively, seek advice from the Alberta Teachers' Association or expertise from ASBA, but prevents either party from have the terms of the settlement dictated to them.

"If we're going to provide the best quality of service to our students, then the local school boards and the local teachers have to figure out, 'What are the issues that we're facing and how can we work together to provide the best quality education to students.," said Terry Riley, chair of the Medicine Hat School District.

"Having provincewide imposed settlements does not solve local education problems," Riley said. "Local bargaining allows local teachers to meet their issues, local school boards to meet their issues and allows local school boards and teacher to work cooperatively to meet the needs of students."

But ASBA's resolution was panned by the teachers' association that accused school boards of trying to interfere with its policy that calls for a mixture of provincial and local bargaining.

"Teachers have already decided that on provincial matters or things that the government is directly funding then we should negotiate directly with the government because they have the provincial purse," said ATA president Mark Ramsankar.

"If there are things that need to be addressed locally then those should be negotiated locally," he said. "The direction that is being set here I'm not sure what it is that they're asking for other than trying to make rules to say that the government should change the way we do business."

The current four-year agreement between teachers and the province expires in August 2016 included no salary increases for the first three years and a two per cent hike in the final year with a one per cent lump sum payment.

The former Tory government imposed the deal after years of intense tripartite talks between the province, ASBA and the teachers' association.

The Calgary Board of Education initially refused to support that agreement over concerns student education would be put into the hands of the teachers union and created an excessive and expensive bureaucracy. The board later ratified the deal with teachers.

"There's not a one size fits all for all school boards," said Joy Bowen-Eyre, chair of the CBE, one of the boards that supported the resolution recently passed at the ASBA meeting.

"We have good relations with our union groups so we're better able to encompass all aspects so it's not just about salary increases it's about working conditions as well," said Bowen-Eyre.

With the clock ticking on the current agreement and negotiations expected to begin early next year, Bowen-Eyre said the CBE would like clarity from the NDP government by the fall over whether it intends to support ASBA's motion.

"We need to get some feedback from the government relatively soon because, of course, we're going to be bargaining soon and it's a very elongated process," she said.

A spokeswoman for Education Minister David Eggen said the resolution is one of several that would be reviewed and discussed with the association's leadership in the near future.

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