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Honourable Rob Fleming, M.L.A.

Minister of Education

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Dear Minister Fleming,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and staff of (your Library), please accept our congratulations on your new appointment as Minister of Education. We appreciate the commitments in your mandate letter from the Premier which include delivering the services that people count on and building a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone.

Government’s promise to tackle inequality and ensure people from every background have the opportunity to reach their full potential resonates loudly with us as they speak to the core values of our public library.

(Examples of services your Library delivers)

AND/OR:

In fall 2016, we brought to the attention of our MLA that as much as our public library is critical community infrastructure, we are economically vulnerable. Grant allocations have not kept pace with inflation over the last five years, technological infrastructure is underfunded, and no new project funding has been allocated in a decade.

Through the Association of British Columbia Public Library Directors and the British Columbia Library Trustees Association, we advanced requests for appropriation of funding through the Minister of Education, the Minister of Finance and the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services to:

* Improve the network fibre infrastructure to public libraries
* Provide an inflationary increase to public library grant allocations for all public libraries and for annual increases to be indexed in future
* Support strategic priorities of the Provincial plan

We look forward to hearing your strategies and directions as they relate to the well-being of our students and our larger community of life-long learners.

Best wishes for your success.

Yours sincerely,

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Board Chair Director