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Honourable Jeff Johnson
Minister of Education
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Dear Minister Johnson,

Cheryl Low

As a partner in the now 30-year-old, Joint Use Agreement between the Calgary Board of Education (CBE), Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD), and the City of Calgary, CCSD has been actively involved in the ongoing events around the approved Francophone elementary school in Scenic Acres. Like our sister board, CBE, we appreciate being copied with the recent correspondence from Associate Minister Jansen and would offer the following commentary in this matter.

Serafino Scarpino

Peter Tepler

The critical issue, from the district's perspective, is the ability for local school jurisdictions to plan and manage school accommodation needs in the local Calgary context. All such matters and issues are spelled out at great length in the overarching framework of the Joint Use Agreement and the Capital Planning legislation of the Province. It is through the ongoing capital planning process that school requirements are identified, submitted for approval and funding, and subsequently built and occupied.

Cathie Williams

It is the opinion of CCSD that the Southern Francophone Education Region No. 4 has done their due diligence, examined several site options, and made the appropriate choice to meet their accommodation needs. A delay in moving forward on this school will jeopardize the planned opening of that school and the ability to meet the accommodation needs of that population of Calgary students. Also, this delay would be of concern to our school district as it could set precedent for any future school projects in Calgary.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mary Martin
Chair, Calgary Catholic School District

cc. Honourable Wayne Drysdale, Minister of Infrastructure
Honourable Greg Weadick, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Honourable Sandra Jansen, MLA, Calgary-North West
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