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### City of Prince George – UBCM Follow Up - Prioritizing Expansion at DP Todd Secondary School.

Minister, we write to thank you for taking time to meet with our municipality at the recent UBCM conference in Vancouver (Meeting ID: 684). It was a pleasure to be able to discuss our interest in prioritizing the expansion of DP Todd Secondary School.

As presented in that meeting, School District No. 57's Capital Plan submission includes the expansion of DP Todd Secondary as its top priority. Originally, the expansion was to adjust school capacity from 600 to 750 to facilitate the removal of modulars from the site. The revised request is to expand the school to a capacity of 900 students. Two expansion options were noted in the capital submission: \$101,891,408 (full school replacement) or \$66,518,350 (expansion/renovation). Either option would address several concerns with the current school facility and support your Ministries goals related to asset management and the reduction of portables.

We thank you for considering School District No. 57's renewed request for capital funding to enable the expansion of DP Todd as part of your ministry's priorities, at future budgeting sessions and otherwise, and ask that you share with us where DP Todd fits into the current provincial priority list. With the 2023-24 enrollment numbers now available we can see that DP Todd saw the most growth in our city with the addition of 42 students (778 to 820) moving the school further over capacity and making the need for investment clear.

As well, with respect to your ministerial portfolio, and your personal background as an advocate for inclusion, human rights, and antiracism we would like to highlight that the City of Prince George has passed a recent resolution with respect to Holocaust education which we have enclosed here for your review. We applaud Premier David Eby's October 2023 announcement that, beginning in 2025, the K-12 curriculum will include mandatory Holocaust education as part of an expanded Grade 10 social studies curriculum. However, given the disturbing rise in antisemitic violence experienced across the globe, Canada and here in BC, Prince George City Council has resolved to advocate for mandatory, age appropriate, Holocaust education to be present throughout the elementary school curriculum, not just within the 10th grade.

We thank you for your attention and look forward to the next opportunity to meet.

City Council of Prince George

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