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Ms. Claudine Lajoie
President
Fédération des parents francophones de l'Alberta
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Dear Ms. Lajoie:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and Mireille Peloquin on June 13, 2012. Thank you for your June 25 follow-up letter requesting direct funding from Education. I recognize that there are unique needs in Francophone education, and I understand the important role that the Fédération des parents francophones de l'Alberta (FPFA) has in supporting Francophone parents and school councils.

It is my understanding that the FPFA and the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) have, for the past two years, had an effective and productive agreement to support Francophone school councils. I applaud this work and encourage the FPFA and ASCA to continue this collaboration.

After careful consideration, I am pleased to inform you that I support your organization's request to be recognized by Alberta Education as the voice of Francophone parents and school councils, and for direct funding from Education. As the term of the current conditional grant to support school councils nears its end in June 2013, and as provisions for supports to school councils beyond June 2013 are considered, my staff will work with the FPFA and the ASCA to establish distinct funding supports for each organization.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Carmen Stuart, Education Manager, French Language Education Services at 780-643-1796 or carmen.stuart@gov.ab.ca.

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I appreciate your invitation to attend the opening of the Fédération des parents francophones de l'Alberta's annual conference on November 16, 2012 at 8 p.m. Please contact my scheduling assistant, Sarah Desharnais, at 780-427-5010 or sarah.desharnais@gov.ab.ca to discuss details about my attendance.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Francophone education in Alberta.

Sincerely,



Jeff Johnson
Minister
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