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Ref: 199483

Gordon Swan, President
BC School Trustees Association
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Dear Mr. Swan:

Thank you for your letter dated December 18, 2017, requesting trustee inclusion on the funding model review panel.

The Ministry of Education appreciates the involvement of the BC School Trustees Association (BCSTA) in the funding review process. To date, your feedback on the guiding principles for the new funding model, as co-governors of BC's public education system, has been instrumental in collaboratively setting the framework for the new funding model. The engagement of your executive members and fellow trustees at the Partner Liaison Meeting last fall and through the online 'perspectives' survey had been very helpful to the process.

In addition, the Ministry has provided an invitation to the BCSTA and individual Boards of Education to provide written feedback on the structure of the future funding model, which will be considered by the Independent Review Panel. The Ministry will be supporting the attendance of board chairs (or a designate) at the regional technical working sessions to be held by the Independent Review Panel this spring, with dedicated sessions in each meeting location for trustee representatives. I will also be encouraging the Independent Review Panel to meet with your Board of Directors prior to finalizing their recommendations.

Given trustee's position as governors, the review process has been deliberately designed to ensure the Independent Review Panel is a technical working panel and separate from the governance roles of BC's public education system.

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If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Reg Bawa, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Management and Executive Financial Office Division, by email at Reg.Bawa@gov.bc.ca or by phone at (778) 698-7388.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rob Fleming".

Robert Fleming
Minister