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Gordon Swan, President  
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**Email: [gswan@bcsta.org](mailto:gswan@bcsta.org)**

Dear Mr. Swan:

Thank you for your letter dated January 17, 2018, regarding your response to the draft funding formula principles. We appreciate your partnership in developing these principles.

Ministry of Education staff will review your suggestions and work with you and your executive to reach a final, mutually agreed-upon, set of guiding principles for the new funding model. Ministry staff will be in touch with you shortly to finalize the principles.

We welcome your continued involvement in the funding model review through written submissions and attendance at the regional working sessions. As you know, the Ministry has provided funding in the amount of \$10,000 to facilitate attendance by board chairs (or designates) at these sessions, particularly in rural and remote areas of the province. In addition, I am hopeful the Independent Panel, to be struck for the next phase of the review process, will want to meet with you and your Board of Directors, prior to finalizing their recommendations.

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](mailto:Reg.Bawa@gov.bc.ca), or by phone at (778) 698-7388.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

D. Scott MacDonald  
Deputy Minister