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Stephanie Higginson, President
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Dear Stephanie Higginson:

Thank you for your email of July 11, 2019, addressed to the Minister of Education Rob Fleming, the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity Mitzi Dean and myself regarding funding to install and supply free menstrual product dispensers in schools. I apologize for the delay in responding.

As you may be aware, a ministerial order was issued in April 2019 by the Minister of Education that required public schools to provide free menstrual products for students in school washrooms by the end of 2019. At that time, \$300,000 in provincial funding was provided to facilitate the implementation. I understand that a meeting with the Ministry of Education is scheduled as part of the continuing work they are doing with school districts, community and education partners such as yourself to look at the needs of districts to meet this new requirement.

I would like to thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Carole James
Minister of Finance and Deputy Premier

cc: Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education
Mitzi Dean, Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity