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Dear Carolyn Broady:

Thank you for your email of August 21, 2024, requesting an update on the review of funding and resources to support learners in provincial correctional centres.

The positive impacts of K-12 education programs offered in BC correctional centres continue to be observed. Individuals who have enrolled in these educational programs have shared feelings of accomplishment and appreciation for the support they received from educators and their school districts.

Discussions with our partners related to establishing an appropriate and sustainable funding model, and how to best support this unique program for adults, have continued. We also continue to host meetings with school district administrators from the respective districts to keep relationships strong, address challenges, and share strategies.

The value that the K-12 education program provides to an individual as they prepare to reintegrate to their home communities cannot be underestimated. We appreciate your follow-up, and we look forward to providing future updates as consultation continues to take place.

Sincerely,

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