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Dear Educators, School and District Staff, and Trustees,

As we wrap up another school year together, I want to thank you, deeply and sincerely, for everything you have done for students, families, and school communities throughout British Columbia. From creating classrooms where students feel welcomed, safe, and inspired, to supporting them through challenges with compassion and respect, this year was filled with moments where you made a meaningful difference in students' lives.

This has also been a significant year for our sector, and it asked a great deal of you. Through every challenge and milestone, you continued to show up for young people with care, professionalism, and an unwavering commitment. I know that responsibility is enormous, and so is the impact you make.

We have had a busy year of progress advancing literacy and numeracy, and strengthening mental health supports, inclusion, and school safety. We brought back access zones around schools because you should always feel safe coming and going from school. We have a new made-in-B.C. literacy screening tool being piloted and I am so grateful for the work underway in your districts to expand mandatory screening for students up to Grade 3 for this coming school year.

I am also grateful for the work you have done to help families better understand what is being taught in your classroom. We continue to see that when educators and families work together, students thrive and our education system is stronger because of it.

I am encouraged by the progress we are making together expanding child care into schools. It reflects a broader vision for education, one that sees schools serving communities in more ways, easing the transition for kids entering kindergarten and helping families better balance work, school and home life.

I also want to acknowledge the important work you are doing with Indigenous Education Councils to support Indigenous student success. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to ensure Indigenous voices and perspectives inform decisions affecting students and are meaningfully reflected in learning.

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We know strong schools depend on strong teams and I have heard from you that a key area for teacher support is mentorship. I am especially encouraged by the progress of the new teacher mentorship program, developed in partnership with UBC, that will be fully implemented this September. Supporting educators' professional growth, collaboration, and long-term success is an important shared priority of our sector.

We know the importance of adult well-being and that taking time to focus on your own wellness is essential to showing up for students in a positive way. As the school year ends, I hope you find ways to rest, reflect, and care for your own needs too, making space to recharge and fill your cup.

There is still more work ahead of us, and I have always believed that meaningful change starts by listening to the people closest to classrooms and schools. My commitment remains to work alongside you, to build solutions together and to continue standing up for a strong public education system.

To all the educators, support staff, administrators and trustees, I thank you for the extraordinary work you do, and for everything you continue to give to children and families. It has been a privilege to work alongside you as Minister of Education and Child Care this year.

I wish you a restful summer, and I look forward to working together in the school year ahead.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Beare". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and "B".

Lisa Beare
Minister