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Tanya Guenther, Chair
Board of Education
School District No. 27 (Cariboo-Chilcotin)
Email: tanya.guenther@sd27.bc.ca

Dear Ms. Guenther:

I am writing further to my letter of January 30, 2018, regarding Dianne Turner's review of challenges in the Cariboo-Chilcotin School District.

Ms. Turner has had an opportunity to complete her review and provide findings to the Ministry of Education. In her report, Ms. Turner reviewed and makes recommendations about governance, finance and budgeting, leadership and vision, morale and culture, and district communications. She found there are significant issues in all of these areas, with a common theme being the lack of trust in the District across multiple partners.

Also concerning to me, was her comment that the culture of the District and these challenges have deteriorated the focus on student learning. This is perhaps borne out in the modest level of student success seen in the achievement data for School District No. 27.

I am sure that you and your community would rather the District was positioned for success; and, to that end, the Ministry would like to further assist you in building capacity for change. This will involve working with trustees, staff and district partners to change the narrative in the district to one that is positive and steadfastly focused on improving the results of students.

I have attached Ms. Turner's full report of findings and recommendations. Please review it and provide me with the actions your District plans in response to Ms. Turner's recommendations by May 31, 2018. In the meantime, your superintendent will be invited to Victoria to meet with Deputy Minister Scott MacDonald and Dianne Turner to discuss her findings and recommendations.

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If you have any questions, please contact Keith Godin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Governance and Analytics Division, by email at Keith.Godin@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Fleming". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Rob Fleming
Minister

Attachment: Assessment of Concerns – Cariboo -Chilcotin School District No. 27

pc: Mark Wintjes, Superintendent of Schools
Kevin Futchner, Secretary Treasurer