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MLA, Red Deer-North*

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Ms. Brandi Rai
President
Alberta School Councils' Association
Suite 207, 11010 – 142 street
Edmonton AB T5N 2R1

Dear Ms. Rai:

Thank you for submitting Alberta School Councils' Association's (ASCA) conditional grant application and the supplementary information which I requested.

Your application indicates that should a grant be received, it would be used for the purposes of “representation, development and communication of the parent perspective – through school councils – in support of Ministry objectives”, which are the core business activities for your organization. Unfortunately, Alberta Education does not provide operational funding to non-government organizations through grants.

However, your application also indicates that you would use a portion of grant dollars to encourage, enable, and empower school councils to contribute to local, jurisdictional, and provincial efforts to identify and mitigate COVID-19 learning loss. The recent Child and Youth Well-being review panel and Alberta Education's investment in learning loss assessments have identified a need to focus on learning loss in students, and Alberta Education would be pleased to provide ASCA with a grant valued at \$15,000 to further this work.

The perspective of parents is extremely important to Alberta's government, and this commitment is exemplified in the grant funding, valued at \$1 million (\$500 for every school council), available directly to Alberta school councils and in the recent appointment of 40 parents to my Minister's Parent Advisory Council. I believe ASCA could contribute to future government initiatives by engaging parents directly on COVID-19 Learning Loss and providing your findings to the ministry.

If your organization is interested in this grant opportunity, please contact Dan Karas, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister of System Excellence Division at (780) 903-9543, or Dan.Karas@gov.ab.ca.

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Thank you for your continued focus on development, communication and representation of school councils.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adriana LaGrange". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a stylized 'L'.

Adriana LaGrange
Minister

cc: Andre Tremblay, Deputy Minister