



Education

Deputy Minister

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Presidents of Associations Multi for Non-Teaching Employees
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Dear Presidents:

Thank you for your email dated May 17, 2021 to Honourable Cliff Cullen, Minister of Education and me requesting a meeting related to education modernization.

We appreciate your request and I would be pleased to meet with your representatives. The success of The Better Education Starts Today: Putting Students First strategy and related legislation changes depends on the input of a wide variety of community involvement. As we are engaging with various groups, we value your experts' input to ensure student success.

We agree that the support staff in schools are critical to the smooth and efficient administration of the daily activities of principals, teachers, students and their parents. They are the front-line people that see and hear first-hand the needs of students. Their flexibility has been proven in responding to school needs during the pandemic.

We have communicated to school leaders that stability is important as we proceed. I want to assure you that existing school level positions are not impacted and in fact we have committed to moving investments into classrooms to make these experiences better for students, support staff and teachers. This will include more help for special needs programming as identified by schools and parents.

If you have any questions in advance of our meeting, please contact Colleen Kachulak, Assistant Deputy Minister Planning and Transformation at colleen.kachulak@gov.mb.ca and she will be pleased to assist. My office will contact you soon to make the meeting arrangements.

I look forward to our discussions.

Sincerely,

Dana Rudy

- c. Honourable Cliff Cullen, Minister of Education
Colleen Kachulak, Assistant Deputy Minister, Planning and Transformation