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Dear MLA insert MLA/Minister Name,

Re: Student Mental Wellness

I am writing to express my concern about the deficient funding Foothills School Division currently receives to support mental wellness in students.

As a parent at Insert school name, I feel that the current funding does not meet the needs of our school community. We need to be more proactive in supporting our students from a provincial level. We need to recognize the increase in need with an adequate increase in funding.

I have learned that the school division has seen an increase in:

* Self-reported student anxiety
* Student suicide risk assessments
* Student violence threat assessments

I have also learned that:

* Overall funding has remained consistent over the last 3 years
* Overall costs have consistently increased over the last 3 years
* Reductions in human resources across all job categories are the result
* Students are not able to receive the same level of support in their school

All of this means the Foothills School Division is having to do more for our student mental wellness with fewer resources.

We have seen that our school and Division is committed to supporting youth and the community through its actions and renewed partnerships, but these actions are not enough. An increase in funding from the Government of Alberta will help increase support for all our students.

Please advocate on behalf of the young people in our community for increased mental health funding directed to Foothills School Division.

Respectfully,

Insert your name