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**Re: Provincially funded Full Time Kindergarten**

Dear Honourable insert MLA/Minister Name,

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Today I am writing on behalf of the students and parents of Foothills School Division, asking for your consideration to fund full-time kindergarten across the province.

While I understand that kindergarten is not mandatory, research is clear that early educational opportunities result in positive life outcomes. Kindergarten is an engaging experience for early learners to get comfortable with a school setting, and for educators to assess learners’ needs for grade 1 and beyond. Additionally, kindergarten students have a stronger start in school, through improved literacy and numeracy, and build strong bonds with their classmates, promoting social-emotional learning.

Full-time kindergarten would be a further advantage to families, especially for parents who work full-time outside of the home. Part time, or half-day kindergarten restricts working parents’ schedules with the need to coordinate pick up and childcare for off-days. Through your support and implementation of a provincially funded full time kindergarten program, you are enabling Albertan families to flourish.

In closing, I ask you to support not only the funding of kindergarten in our great province –like they have done in Ontario, Quebec, BC, Nova Scotia, and PEI—but to also provide students and families with the advantage of full-time kindergarten. In doing so, you will be encouraging stronger learners, stronger communities, and a stronger economy.

Respectfully,

Insert Name