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**Re: Increase in Classroom Complexities Requires Additional Funding**

Dear Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides,

I appreciate the announcement in Budget 2024 providing more than [$1.5 billion for educational learning supports](https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=898289712A86A-DE3D-90A6-3F9B4B8CCCF68EAD#jumplinks-1) to school authorities (over three years); specifically, $44 million for the 2024-25 school year to address increasing classroom complexities.

I have recently learned that Foothills School Division has been allocated $405,505 in its *Classroom Complexity Grant* allocation in Budget 2024. This is slightly down from $412,050 in Budget 2023. Similarly this is the story for the total *Services & Supports* grants as it is decreasing from $8,704,559 in 2023-24, to $8,551,964 for 2024-25.

I am sure you have considered several aspects of this budget decision, and I wanted to share my story for your additional consideration. This is where you make it personal. How has this affected you?

It is my understanding that the “weighted moving average” (WMA) funding model allocates a school division’s annual funding based on 3 years of enrollment; 20% from the previous school year’s actual enrolment, 30% from the estimated current enrolment and 50% from the projected enrolment for the next school year. While this model seems to help offer some predictable funding, I do not believe it takes into consideration the complexity of the students in our classrooms. As I already shared above, Foothills School Division is receiving less grant funding because it is simply tied to enrollment – not need.

I would like to share with you some ideas that could improve the challenges faced by our children. This is where you add some solutions of your own or look at proposed solutions on the classroom complexities advocacy page.

Thank you for the opportunity to advocate for my child and our school division. I appreciate being able to voice my concerns about how the government announcement of increased dollars to support classroom complexity, is not actually trickling down into my child’s classroom as perhaps intended.

I appreciate being able to voice my concerns about how providing adequate supports to address the complexity of classrooms will significantly impact my child’s learning and meet your goal of a world-class education. I would appreciate a follow up response from you regarding your consideration of my story.

Respectfully,

Your name here

Cc: MLA
 Foothills School Division