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**Re: Equity for rural schools**

Dear Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides,

I am grateful to see that rural schools are a priority for the Ministry of Education. As stated within your mandate letter from Premier Smith, it directs the exploration of “incentives to support the recruitment and retention of teachers, educational assistants and support staff in underserved areas of the province”. I believe that this is a great step toward *equity* of our rural schools. I will explore this with you further below.

In 2020, the funding model of rural schools changed to a ‘per-student’ basis. This model does not adequately fund schools with low or declining populations. **This is where you make it personal. How has this affected you?**

It is my understanding that… **this is where you list out the facts that stand out to you.**

I would like to share with you some ideas that could improve school equity. **This is where you add some solutions of your own or look at proposed solutions on the school equity 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 providing equitable opportunities to rural schools will significantly impact my child’s learning and grow our community. I would appreciate a follow up response from you regarding your consideration of my story.

Respectfully,

**Your name here**

Cc: MLA
 Foothills School Division