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May 3, 2024

RE: 2024 Foothills Youth Mental Wellness Summit

Dear Honourable Minister Williams and Honourable Minister Nicolaides,

In October of 2023, Foothills School Division's Superintendent Dr. Christopher Fuzessy sent you a letter on behalf of The Network, requesting that the Foothills region be considered for one of the four mental health integrated centres outlined in your mandate letters from the Premier. The Network, as explained in the initial letter is a well-established collective community impact initiative located within the Foothills region composed of more than thirty participating organizations including Foothills School Division, Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools, Calgary Rural Primary Care Network, the local towns and municipalities, Foothills County, Family and Community Support Services, Foothills Community Immigrant Services, Inclusion Foothills, Alberta Health Services, and the local Family Resource Networks.

In response to ongoing concerns about the mental well-being of our community's children and youth, the Network is following up on the success of its first two Youth Mental Wellness Summits by hosting a third one on May 14, 2024

The focus of the 2024 **Foothills Youth Mental Wellness Summit** is *Community Integrated Youth Hubs: Transforming Our Vision to Reality*. On behalf of Foothills School Division and all our partners in The Network, I would like to invite you both to Okotoks, Alberta to join us as we bring together child and youth serving organizational leaders, community leaders, and youth who live in the communities of the Foothills to plan a path forward; determining how we can meet the ever changing needs of our youth, and making commitments to advancing a much needed mental wellness hub.

Recognizing that this engaging event is approaching in just over a week, I kindly request a prompt RSVP to confirm your attendance. Please know that your participation at this summit would be highly valued and would underscore to both our youth and community that their mental well-being remains a priority for your government.

I have included with this email for your reference, the invitation The Network has sent out to our community. If you should have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa Letendre." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Theresa Letendre
Board Chair, Board of Trustees | Ward 3
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Cc:

Dr. Christopher Fuzessy, Superintendent of Schools, Foothills School Division
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