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Dear Madame and Sirs,

Clearview has not made a separate submission regarding the review of the School Act. However, we do want you to know that we support the submissions made by the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) and the Public School Boards Association of Alberta (PSBAA).

In our view one of the key elements in all of these submissions is a reflection of the tremendous support in our communities for public education and for autonomous, authoritative, locally elected school boards as the best way to govern the K-12 system. We have seen this ourselves in our own area, in a round of community consultation meetings we conducted in all of our school communities this month.

We have also noted that the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties (AAMD&C) recently passed this resolution:

Whereas the Province of Alberta is undertaking a complete rewrite of the School Act; and
Whereas the Province of Alberta is gathering public input into education; and
Whereas across the province, municipalities feel that locally elected school boards are an integral part of local governance; and

Whereas local school boards can best deliver education services through increased authority with natural person powers;

Now therefore be it resolved, municipalities strongly support locally elected school boards and request the province ensure in the new education act that:

1. School boards have the authority to responsibly undertake local education priorities and
2. School boards are given natural person powers.

Thank you for considering our views. We greatly appreciate the respectful relationship we have with our Provincial Government MLA's and Departments. We wish you and the Inspiring Education Steering Committee well in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Honourable Dave Hancock – Minister of Education
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