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Ms. Laura Hack
Board Chair
Calgary Board of Education
1221 - 8 Street SW
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Dear Ms. Hack:

I am writing to request that your board enrol students from the Taza Villages, a development located on Tsuut'ina Nation lands west of Calgary at the intersection of Tsuut'ina Trail and Glenmore Trail.

Under the *Education Act*, students residing in the Taza Villages who are not members of the Tsuut'ina First Nation or attending a provincial school under an education services agreement are considered students of the Government of Alberta.

Depending on the circumstances, as Minister of Education and Childcare, I may facilitate the provision of education to these students directly or through provincial school boards, in accordance with Section 10(6) of the *Education Act*. For students in the Taza Villages, I have determined that the most appropriate mechanism is to request the assistance of the school boards operating within the City of Calgary.

Please prepare a list of schools near Taza Villages for the 2026/27 school year by March 30 2026 and share it with Alberta Education and Childcare for review. Please contact Tyler Dewan, Executive Director, First Nations, Métis and Inuit Division, at tyler.dewan@gov.ab.ca for this purpose. Pending the review, department staff will ask you to provide the list to the Taza Development Corporation. You may update and share the list with the parties annually between January and March.

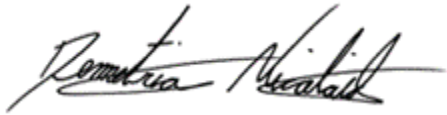
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I appreciate your co-operation in ensuring these resident students of the government have access to appropriate education programming in accordance with Section 11(2) of the *Education Act*. Education and Childcare will follow progress by monitoring student data collected through the Provincial Approach to Student Information (PASI) Core. The

Calgary Board of Education will be required to code students residing in the development using code 140.

Transportation funding for students residing within the Taza Villages will be provided in accordance with the metro transportation funding criteria in the *Funding Manual for School Authorities*. Alberta Education and Childcare recognizes that your board is not obligated to provide transportation services for students residing in Taza. However, given the uniqueness of this development, we are seeking your co-operation to facilitate transportation services to and from Taza Villages for these students.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Demetrios Nicolaides', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Demetrios Nicolaides ECA PhD
Minister of Education and Childcare

cc: Joanne Pitman, Superintendent, Calgary Board of Education