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Mr. Tom Hamer
Superintendent of Schools
The Palliser School Division
101, 3305 - 18 Avenue North
Lethbridge AB T1H 5S1

Subject: **Collegiate Application**

Dear Mr. Hamer:

Thank you for the recent collegiate application from The Palliser School Division, The Calgary School Division, and The Prairie Rose School Division. I am pleased to advise you that your application has been approved to begin operating a collegiate school in the 2026/27 school year, pending completion and submission of the following requirement:

Due to School Accreditation, Monitoring and Print services by August 15, 2026:

- a signed partnership agreement with an industry partner.

The joint collegiate application submitted includes skilled trades pathways and will empower students with the requisite skills and knowledge to excel in their chosen careers.

Your application is eligible for up to \$1,512,500 in capital funding and up to \$337,500 in operational funding, for a total of up to \$1,850,000 allocated toward the start-up expenses specific to collegiate programming as outlined in your application once all conditions are met. Staff from the department will be reaching out to discuss details of your financial proposal, including specific deliverables, cash flow requirements, and reporting obligations to finalize the funding approval of your collegiate school.

School authorities must continue to comply with all applicable legislation, policies, and standards set by Education and Childcare for their original school type, in addition to the requirements of the collegiate school.

Education staff are available to help as needed as you establish your collegiate. Any changes to your proposed collegiate school should be discussed with department staff.

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For questions regarding collegiate programming, please contact School Accreditation, Monitoring and Print Services at edc.collegiateschools@gov.ab.ca. For questions regarding collegiate capital funding, please contact Finance, Governance and Capital Planning at edc.collegiatecapital@gov.ab.ca. For questions regarding collegiate operational funding, please contact School Finance at edc.schoolfinance@gov.ab.ca.

I commend The Palliser School Division, The Calgary School Division, and The Prairie Rose School Division on their dedication to ensuring students in our province have every opportunity to succeed in a pathway of their choosing.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Demetrios Nicolaides". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Demetrios" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Nicolaides".

Demetrios Nicolaides ECA PhD
Minister of Education

cc: Tony Montana, Board Chair, The Palliser School Division
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