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Ms. Laura Hack
Board Chair
Calgary Board of Education
1221 - 8 Street SW
Calgary AB T2R 0L4

Dear Ms. Hack:

I am writing in response to a letter from Dany Breton, Superintendent, Facilities and Environmental Services, to Micha Ben-Zvi, Executive Director, Capital Planning, requesting \$1.78 million in funding for project management costs. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Alberta is meeting the challenge of rapid population growth head-on through the \$8.6 billion Schools Now program, introduced in September 2024, to build more schools as quickly as possible. Through the Schools Now program, 40 new school projects were approved in Budget 2026. In Budget 2027, the government will make similar announcements to build much-needed schools across Alberta. These approvals have included unprecedented levels of investment in new projects for the Calgary Board of Education. I recognize that the successful implementation of these projects requires a significant commitment of staff resources from your school division.

Providing staff support for approved capital projects is part of the work that every school jurisdiction is expected to undertake. After careful consideration, I regret to inform you that your funding request is not approved. School jurisdictions have flexibility in determining how to fund this work, whether through operational funding, which has been increased to account for enrolment growth, or by requesting ministerial approval for the use of capital reserves.

Should you have any questions or require further assistance, please have your staff contact Allison Matichuk, Stakeholder Relations Manager, Capital Planning, at allison.matichuk@gov.ab.ca or 780-690-2317 (toll free by first dialing 310-0000).

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Demetrios Nicolaides'.

Demetrios Nicolaides ECA PhD
Minister of Education and Childcare

cc: Honourable Martin Long, Minister of Infrastructure