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Corryn Grayston, Chair
Board of Education
School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)
Email: cgraysto@sd83.bc.ca

Dear Corryn Grayston:

Thank you for your letter of December 12, 2024, requesting that the legal name for School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap) be changed to School District No. 83 (K̓wsaltktnéwsne Secwepemcúl'ecw). I am pleased to confirm receipt of your request. The Ministry of Education and Child Care remains deeply committed to reconciliation and the implementation of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* and I appreciate the work the Board is doing to advance Truth and Reconciliation and honour the spirit and intent of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.

Under the *School Act*, the name of a school district may be changed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council (Cabinet) through the Order in Council process. Ministry staff have begun considering the proposed legal name change and will reach out to District staff if any further information is required. Please note that while the process of seeking Cabinet approval requires time, we will provide updates to your Superintendent on progress.

I understand that the Quelmúcw Education Council has been integrally involved in the process you have engaged in locally. I would also like to let you know that in considering the proposed name change, and in alignment with provincial consultation obligations, the Ministry will be notifying and requesting feedback from all First Nations in whose traditional territory the Board of Education operates.

I would like to thank the Board of Education, the Quelmúcw Education Council, District staff, and all those who support this important work for the collective progress that has been made towards this instance of meaningful reconciliation in the School District. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please reach out to Assistant Deputy Minister Cloë Nicholls by email at cloe.nicholls@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Lisa Beare
Minister

cc: Donna Kriger, Superintendent, School District No. 83 (North Okanagan-Shuswap)
Cloë Nicholls, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education and Child Care