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Mr. Ken Cameron
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Dear Mr. Cameron:

Thank you for your letter of June 20, 2018 providing a copy of the resolutions passed at the 2018 annual general meeting of the Manitoba School Boards Association (MSBA). I am pleased to be able to respond to the three resolutions supported by your member boards.

1. Public Education Funding

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association will lobby Manitoba Education and Training for direct consultation with all school divisions regarding any potential changes to the structure and funding of public education within Manitoba, and in doing so request this consultation to begin early in the process.

As I have previously indicated, the department intends to undertake a thorough review of multiple aspects of the K-12 education system. This review is anticipated to begin in early 2019 and will include public consultation, and there will be an opportunity for school boards and education organizations to provide input on this question as well as other issues encompassed within the scope of the review.

2. GST/HST on Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Public Schools Finance Board (PSFB) follow the Canada Revenue Agency GST/HST Technical Information Bulletin B-053 and fund the full cost of GST to school divisions on approved PSFB capital projects.

The Public Schools Finance Board has considered this request and confirms that it is following provincial accounting policies in this matter. No changes are currently planned regarding GST reimbursement.

3. WARNING LIGHTS FOR SCHOOL ZONES

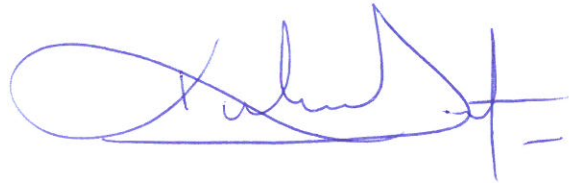
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manitoba School Boards Association lobby the Province of Manitoba to amend The Highway Traffic Act Reduced-Speed School Zone Regulation 136/2013, to include lights as part of school zone warning signage.

It will be important to consider the experience of other Canadian jurisdictions to determine whether lights as part of school zone warning signage has been demonstrably effective in modifying motorist behavior towards increased student safety. This resolution will be brought to the attention of the Minister of Infrastructure who has responsibility for The Highway Traffic Act (and the pertinent regulation) for information and review.

I appreciate you bringing these resolutions to my attention and for the invitation to meet later this fall to discuss these and other issues of mutual interest.

I look forward to meeting.

Sincerely,



Kelvin Goertzen
Minister
Education and Training

c. Honourable Ron Schuler, Minister of Infrastructure