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Mr. Ken Cameron
President, Provincial Executive,
Manitoba School Boards Association
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Subject: Bill 8, *The Protecting Children (Information Sharing) Act*

Dear Mr. Cameron,

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 2016, respecting Bill 8, *The Protecting Children (Information Sharing) Act*. I was very pleased to hear of the resounding support expressed by the Provincial Executive of the Manitoba School Boards Association.

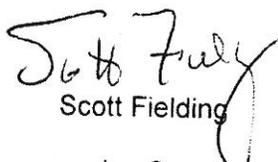
I have had the opportunity to review the findings of the Task Force on Improving Educational Outcomes for Children in Care. I look forward to taking action to improve outcomes for children and youth involved with child and family services.

I have also reviewed a number of other pivotal reports, including the recommendations made by Commissioner Ted Hughes following the Commission of Inquiry into the Death of Phoenix Sinclair, that have repeatedly called for greater information sharing and collaboration in the provision of services to children. As Minister Responsible for the Department of Families, I look forward to the interagency and interdisciplinary work that will be supported through this critical legislation.

The Protecting Children (Information Sharing) Act must also be accompanied by a framework for appropriate information sharing practice. Leadership by our service delivery partners, such as the Manitoba School Boards Association, will be vital to the successful implementation of this new law.

We believe that, once proclaimed, *The Protecting Children (Information Sharing) Act* will support our shared aspirations of strengthening the supportive services provided to children in our province.

Regards,


Scott Fielding

c: Joy Cramer, Deputy Minister of Families
Bramwell Strain, Deputy Minister of Education and Training