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Honourable Rebecca Schulz
Minister of Children's Services
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Dear Minister Schulz:

Accountability, a cornerstone value of our Division, together with a commitment to transparency, guides all Edmonton Public Schools Board endeavours.

With an eye to continuous improvement, the Board discussed posting its outgoing correspondence on the Trustee section of the Division's website. This would allow constituents to more readily see how their elected officials are carrying out their duties and working to ensure that all students receive a quality education. Trustees agreed that sharing correspondence would enhance the Board's accountability and transparency by providing interested parties an opportunity to see the Board's position and advocacy efforts on a wide array of subjects. Therefore, the following motion was passed on November 3, 2020:

That all future letters sent by the Board Chair, Committees, and by the Board as a whole except those that would be protected under Caucus guidelines be posted to the Trustee section of epsb.ca two business days from the date of sending. Letters will be posted for the term of the Board plus one year.

As a past recipient of correspondence from our Board, I wanted to inform you of this change in our practice. I know that you too understand the importance of open and transparent communication and accountability to constituents.

If you have any questions, please do contact me.

Sincerely,



Trisha Estabrooks
Board Chair