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Ms. Mandy Lamoureux President, CUPE Local 3550 Via email: pres3550@telus.net

Dear Ms. Lamoureux:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to express our sincere appreciation for sharing CUPE Local 3550's valuable insights and perspectives, both at the Board meeting on November 26 and in your letter of November 27. We value your input and commitment to working together.

As you know, the Board of Trustees has delegated authority for human resources functions, including collective bargaining, to the Superintendent of Schools. We want to assure you that we are dedicated to the bargaining process and reaching an agreement that avoids any disruption to learning.

I understand Superintendent Robertson shared a letter with you earlier today that considers a possible path for the Local and Division to collaborate that will bring together data and facts around the complexities that we face together. We look forward to hearing more about the collaborative work between CUPE Local 3550 and the Division.

We understand and appreciate the intent behind your request for us to sign the letter. We remain hopeful that the Disputes Inquiry Board will provide a path to a negotiated settlement that addresses the needs of all parties.

We deeply value the vital contributions support staff make every single day in supporting student success across our classrooms and offices. You are essential members of school communities.

We look forward to continuing our collaborative efforts to reach a positive outcome.

Sincerely,

Julie Kusiek Board Chair

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