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His Worship Bob K. Day
Mayor of the Town of Lake Cowichan
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Dear Mayor Day:

I am writing to thank you for meeting with me via conference call on September 10, 2021. It is unfortunate that we were unable to meet in person. I look forward to the opportunity to meet with you in person next time.

All levels of government have faced challenges never experienced before the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been inspiring to see the innovation, collaboration, and nimbleness undertaken to ensure that communities and families across the province have the supports required to navigate through these unfamiliar times.

I appreciate you sharing your concerns about the derelict school facilities in your community and the desire to have them removed due to safety concerns. As discussed during our meeting, various factors relating to the ownership and use of this land come into play as local stakeholders and governments consider potential remediation and future uses. Reg Bawa, Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for Capital within the Ministry of Education will continue to investigate opportunities to support the local school district with their request for capital funding to demolish the existing facilities as part of future budget processes.

If you have any questions or concerns related to education at the local level, I encourage you to reach out and contact your local School District.

Thank you again for meeting and sharing your concerns. Your support and commitment to students in your community is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Whiteside
Minister

pc: Reg Bawa, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Management Division