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Minister Claire Johnson, PhD
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Place 2000, 250 King Street
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Dear Minister Johnson:

I have written to you recently regarding the resignation of Councillors from the District Education Council (DEC) of the Anglophone West School District (ASD-W). I have also written to the previous Minister regarding this matter.

The Council will have 10 remaining members by the end of June 2025, pending your approval of a new Student Councillor by that time. The structure of the Council, by regulation is 15 members (13 Sub-districts, one First Nations, one student) with a quorum being eight. Our experience is, that at any given time, one or two Councillors may not be available for meetings due to scheduling conflicts with their employment responsibilities or personal commitments.

As per the notification letters sent to you and your predecessor, we continue to engage with the school communities, through the school administrations, to find replacements for departed colleagues in the various Sub-districts. In the interim, other Councillors have attended the meetings of the Parent School Support Committee (PSSC) in the affected areas to maintain communications between the PSSCs and the DEC. However, despite our efforts to find individuals to volunteer their time to serve on the DEC, we have not had much success. Therefore, I believe that we are now in a situation where it is unlikely that we will have candidates available for appointment between now and the next DEC elections in the Spring of 2026.

Consequently, I am seeking your approval to relieve us from the quorum requirements stipulated in article 29(1) and 29(2) of Governance Structure Regulation 2001-48, listed below, and ask that you invoke article 29(3). By doing so, our quorum number would be six for the 2025-2026 school year which will allow the ASD-W DEC to continue to function fully, providing the guidance and supervision of the district as mandated in the Education Act:

Governance Structure Regulation 2001-48: Quorum

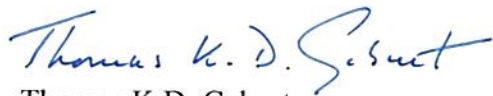
29(1) A majority of the number of positions on a District Education Council, including the position of a member of a Mi'kmaq or Wolastoqey First Nation appointed under subsection 36.2(3) of the Act and the position of a councillor appointed under subsection 36.2(3.1) of the Act, regardless of whether these positions are filled or not, constitute a quorum at any meeting of the District Education Council.

29(2) No act or proceeding of a District Education Council is binding unless it is adopted at an official meeting of the District Education Council at which a quorum is present.

29(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), where the number of members on a District Education Council has fallen below the quorum, the Minister may direct that the majority of the remaining members are deemed to be a quorum until an election is conducted or appointments are made to fill sufficient vacancies to achieve a normal quorum.

I look forward to a favourable reply and commit that the DEC will continue our efforts to find suitable candidates from the various communities for appointment to fill our vacancies.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson District Education Council
Anglophone West School District

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