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Please see letter from the Minister with respect to the Tumbler Ridge tragedy.
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From: Minister, ECC ECC:EX <ECC.Minister@gov.bc.ca>

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Good morning, Board Chairs,

The community of Tumbler Ridge has suffered an incredible loss, and I am deeply saddened and shocked by the tragedy. My heart goes out to everyone, especially those families who have lost a loved one, and I am thinking of the entire community who have experienced such a heart wrenching tragedy.

I am grateful for the work on the ground of the police and school staff who acted quickly to protect students, and prevent the situation from being much worse. The entire school community across the Province, the country, and around the world are sending their messages of love and care at this incredibly difficult time.

I have spoken with Board Chair Chad Anderson to offer whatever supports are needed in the community. Ministry of Education staff and all of our partners are deploying resources for the school and community.

Provincial resources have been shared with your Superintendents and your Safe School Coordinators to share with school communities.

We have a strong commitment to safety and trauma informed practice in this sector, and we need to lean into that strength now more than ever. A tragedy of this magnitude at a school is unbelievably hard. I stand with you all at this time of grief.

Sincerely,

Lisa Beare
Minister of Education and Child Care

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