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Ms. Laura Hack
Chair
Calgary Board of Education
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Dear Ms. Hack: *Laura,*

Thank you for your March 31, 2022 letter on behalf of the Calgary Board of Education regarding the draft Kindergarten to Grade 6 (K-6) Social Studies design blueprint.

I appreciate receiving detailed feedback from the Calgary Board of Education on the design blueprint. I will ensure this feedback is passed along to my department for consideration. Alberta's government is committed to a transparent and open review process for curriculum development and implementation. We are carefully considering all feedback to finalize the K-6 Social Studies design blueprint and develop the corresponding draft Social Studies curriculum.

As announced in March, all K-3 students will learn from new Mathematics and English Language Arts and Literature curriculums, while all K-6 students will learn from new Physical Education and Wellness curriculum starting this September. This balanced and measured approach to implementing the new K-6 curriculum is based on insight and advice from the Curriculum Implementation Advisory Group and feedback received from Albertans and education stakeholders.

To reflect engagement and piloting feedback, content changes were made across the three K-6 subjects, including updates to address some identified instances of content load concerns, age appropriateness, wording clarity and First Nations, Métis, and Inuit content. We also ensured content in the three K-6 subjects continued to align with Alberta's Ministerial Order on Student Learning and the *Guiding Framework for the Design and Development of Kindergarten to Grade 12 Provincial Curriculum*, as well as with top-performing jurisdictions, both in Canada and internationally, and with jurisdictions using knowledge-rich curriculums.

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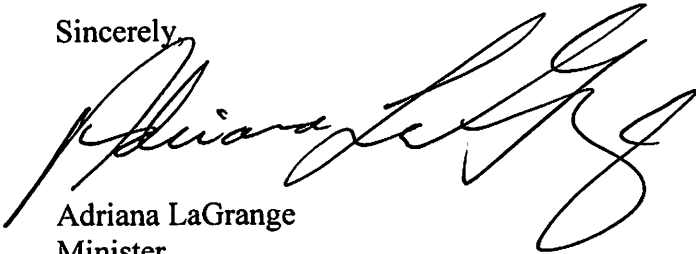
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Future curriculum will ensure students will learn about the rich and diverse history of Alberta and Canada, including Indigenous and francophone contributions, cultures and perspectives. Alberta's students will see themselves, their families and their communities in the curriculum.

As it is finalized, the new K-6 curriculum will be implemented in three phases, with Phase 1 beginning in the 2022/23 school year. By September 2024, it is anticipated that all K-6 grades and subjects will be implemented. More information on curriculum implementation, further piloting of some subjects and engagement will be posted at alberta.ca/curriculum as details become available.

I appreciate the contributions the Calgary Board of Education has made to curriculum development, and I commend you on your ongoing commitment to supporting student success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adriana LaGrange', written in a cursive style.

Adriana LaGrange
Minister