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Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Education
228 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister LaGrange:

Re: Draft Social Studies Blueprint Feedback

Thank you for the invitation to provide further feedback on the draft K-6 social studies blueprint. We appreciate the continued engagement with school boards, administration, teachers and the public as curriculum continues to be developed. This consultation and engagement of stakeholders is central to the success of curriculum development both now and into the future.

Attached to this letter is a summary of feedback with respect to the draft K-6 social studies blueprint. The feedback is focused on the following key areas:

- Age and developmental appropriateness
- Content load
- Architecture and organization
- Scope and sequence of learning
- Content themes and focus of study

There is strong evidence of adjustments and improvements in the Kindergarten and grade 1 topics focused more on communities and families. That said, important adjustments are still required to allow students to build more than surface understanding of historical events, culture, and topics. It is also necessary to better account for the diversity of both people and perspectives throughout the overall design in manner that is authentic and avoids superficial attention to diversity.

CBE administration is available and will continue to seek connections directly with Ministry staff as appropriate in support our collective goals.

Sincerely,

Laura Hack, Chair
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cc: Christopher Usih, Chief Superintendent