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Ms. Marie-Pierre Lavoie, Chairperson Conseil Scolaire Francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF) 100-13511 Commerce Parkway Richmond, B.C. V6V 2J8

RE: Request for Lease Extension of Sundance Location - 1623 Bank Street

Dear Ms. Lavoie,

Thank you for your letter of May 15, 2019 with respect to the lease at the Sundance Elementary school site.

The Board would like to acknowledge your concerns. We understand that in the event that the District reopens Sundance for SD61 students that there would be a significant impact on SD93 students and I can assure you that we would not make such a decision lightly. Currently, the Board has not made a final decision on Sundance, however, that decision is anticipated to occur on June 25, 2019.

In the event that the Board does vote to reopen Sundance we anticipate that we would require the facility for the school year starting September 2020. As you are no doubt aware, our capacity issues have hit a crisis point in the core areas of Victoria. Further, in the event that the District does vote to reoccupy Sundance, we are committed to meeting with the SD93 to determine whether there are any solutions that would meet the concerns.

Again, we acknowledge the concerns of your Board and your school community and thank you for reaching out.

Yours sincerely,

Jordan Watters

Chair, Board of Education

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