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Marie-France Lapierre, Chair  
Board of Education  
School District No. 93 (Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique)  
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Dear Ms. Lapierre:

Thank you for your letter dated January 5, 2017, addressed to the Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister of Education, regarding a request to the federal government for modifications of the current Canadian census to encompass children entitled to attend a Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (“CSF”) school. Minister Bernier has requested I respond on his behalf.

The Ministry of Education supports your request for modifications to the census to better gather data regarding the three categories of right holder parents under section 23 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

An official letter from the Ministry of Education will be drafted indicating our support for modification of the census and a copy of the letter will be sent to the CSF.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Shanna Mason  
Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Sylvain Allison, Secretary-Treasurer of the Conseil