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Dear Mme. Lapierre:

Thank you for your email of March 28, 2018, addressed to the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Education, requesting assistance in seeking federal funding from Heritage Canada for capital infrastructure improvements. As Deputy Minister of Education, I am pleased to respond.

The Government of Canada can provide funding to the Province for capital projects undertaken by the Province for minority-language education. As you mentioned, the Ministry has collaborated with the Government of Canada for such projects in the past, and we have the intention to continue to apply for federal funds for future capital projects. However, the locations listed in your letter are not part of any provincial capital projects at this point. Therefore, the Ministry's understanding is these projects would not qualify to receive federal funds.

Having said that, the Ministry is willing to reach out to Heritage Canada to ascertain whether or not there is an opportunity for their consideration of this request, and we will follow up with Sylvain Allison at a later date.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

D. Scott MacDonald Deputy Minister