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School District 19
(Revelstoke)

By email mariepierre_lavoie@csf.bc.ca

Marie-Pierre Lavoie, Chairperson
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Dear Ms. Lavoie:

Thank you for your letter of April 15th, 2019. At the May 7th, 2019 School Board Meeting, the Revelstoke Board of Education reviewed your letter. After careful review, the Revelstoke Board of Education wishes to advise that we are not able to accommodate your request to lease space at our Farwell site as the site is currently being fully utilized.

As mentioned in my previous letter, the district is experiencing space challenges, and in our Capital Planning with the Ministry, the Farwell Elementary School site and improvements was previously identified as the site for our future growth. Our students continue to experience direct benefits from the programs offered by the partners currently leasing our Farwell Elementary School site. For example, Okanagan College provides our students with a range of offerings from First Aid training and business courses as well as Dual Credit and Apprenticeship programs. In addition, in the Fall of 2019 Okanagan College will be offering a two-year Tourism Management Diploma program which will benefit our current students.

In keeping with the Canada – British Columbia Early Learning and Child Care Agreement, Stepping Stones Child Care located at the Farwell site, has expanded and has been designated by the Ministry of Children and Family Development, Early Years and Inclusion Division as a Universal Child Care Prototype Site and as an Inclusion Facilitator Prototype Site. Unfortunately, this expansion has resulted in the Rocky Mountain Rangers Youth Cadets needing to relocate to another site and the Canadian Red Cross needing to move their program into a small ancillary space on site.

In addition, due to space constraints at Begbie View Elementary School through increased enrolment, the preschool currently located there in the Neighbourhood Learning Centre will be relocated to the Farwell site for the Fall of 2019.

We appreciate the concerns you have expressed regarding ancillary space for your staff at the Arrow Heights Elementary School site. Despite the challenges to provide the space for our student needs, the district has provided Conseil Scolaire Francophone with three portable sites and three classroom spaces in the school. It is our belief that having Conseil Scolaire Francophone and the Preschool in the Arrow Heights Elementary School site contributes to an energetic and positive learning environment.

Our staff will continue to work together with SD93 staff for the best possible school experiences for our students.

Yours truly,



Bill MacFarlane, Chair
Revelstoke Board of Education

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