

February 3, 2022

Dear Mr. Keith Henry,

Thank you so much for taking the time to write to me and pointing out the significant error and serious omission in my recent communication.

When you indicated that you felt that my omission was “hurtful and alienating”, I understand, agree, and take full responsibility for this omission. I am embarrassed and truly apologetic for my thoughtlessness. I fully acknowledge that “The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada found that Métis students did attend almost every residential school at some point”, and I want to assure you that I know this and that my omission was not a reflection of not knowing, but rather, not rereading and revising my letter diligently. First Nation, Métis, and Inuit perspectives and histories have always been and will continue to be central to my work as a leader and educator.

I also want to assure you that our Aboriginal Education supports and services were made available to all staff and students who were hurting and impacted by this news. I work closely with the Aboriginal Education Council including a representative of Two Rivers Métis Society. Please accept my deepest commitment to you and the BC Métis Federation and to all Métis partners locally and globally and to all Métis families and communities within and beyond our district.

I will publish an apology and acknowledgement of the error in my Superintendent's Update tomorrow.

Again, I apologize and will be attentive in the future to ensure that such an omission does not reoccur. I also welcome any opportunity to continue to collaborate.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Nixon

Superintendent of Schools

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