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School Advisory Council Chairs:

Re: Strengthening Local Voice - School Advisory Council (SAC) Innovation Fund

I am delighted to write to you today to inform you that we are launching the 2024-25 School Advisory Council (SAC) Innovation Fund application process.

As you are likely aware, on December 1, 2023, I announced our government's plan to strengthen the voices of families, students and SACs in the public school system. One part of this plan is a fund that will provide grants of up to \$10,000 to SACs to develop innovative projects supporting student achievement and well-being. I know you have great ideas that can make a real difference in the lives of our students, and it is my hope that this fund will help you put some of those ideas into action.

This is the first year these funds are available and I am eager to see what innovative ideas you will propose. The department, Regional Centres for Education (RCEs), and the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) are committed to ensuring you feel well supported in the application process. Please reach out to your regional SAC representative if you require additional support to complete your application.

For more information on the fund and how to apply please visit: https://www.ednet.ns.ca/SAC

Thank you for your on-going commitment to supporting student achievement and well-being in our schools. I look forward to announcing the funded projects later this school year!

Becky Druhan

Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development