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Attention: Mayor Simpson and Council

The Quesnel School District is currently working on the Project Definition Report (PDR) for the replacement of Quesnel Junior School (QJS) at Maple Drive site. The PDR is submitted to the Ministry of Education to lay out detailed assessment of need, options, costs, benefits, risks, engineering, design, environmental requirements, permit requirements, and all other items affecting project scope, schedule or budget. This document is due to the Ministry of Education on October 31, 2018.

The Ministry of Education has asked the District to review three options, of which, two utilize the Maple Drive site. This site is situated on Cariboo Regional District (CRD) land which does not have access to City water. The existing municipal water main system on Maple Drive extends to just south of Elm Drive – a very short distance to the school.

Without City water, the building code requirement to sprinkler the building would fall to a pump house and reservoir station built underneath the school to be able to provide a water supply should an emergency ever arise. The more efficient method of sprinkling the building would be the use of City water.

As such, the Board of Education of School District #28 (Quesnel) is writing to request the City of Quesnel for an extension of the water main on Maple Drive to Quesnel Junior School which will only be completed in the event that the District is awarded a renovation or replacement project at the Maple Drive site. The cost of this work would be included in our project estimates for funding by the Ministry of Education and the City of Quesnel would not bear any capital costs related to this water main extension upgrade.

As the deadline for our PDR is approaching, we hope Mayor and Council could provide a decision on a timely basis so that the appropriate costs may be included in our proposed project estimates.

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The Board wishes to thank Mayor and Council for their consideration of this matter and their continued support for the full school replacement option of Quesnel Junior School.

Sincerely

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