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January 24, 2020

Mr. Rob Fowler
Chair, District Education Council
490 Woodward Avenue
Saint John, NB E2K 5N3

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Your email dated January 8, 2020, addressed to the Honourable Dominic Cardy, regarding the fluoride rinse program in schools, has been forwarded to me for response as Minister of Health.

Unfortunately, the fluoride mouth rinse product that had been used in this program is no longer available. The product is manufactured in the United States and the company that manufactures the product has not renewed their drug identification number with Health Canada. Therefore, we are not able to purchase or import the product into Canada. There is no other powdered fluoride product available that can be used in a school-based setting.

In the interim, we have identified schools that had fluoride product leftover and we are providing them with the other supplies they require to offer the program this year. We will be exploring other options.

Thank you for sharing your concerns about this important program with me.

Sincerely,



Hon. Hugh J. Flemming, Q.C.
Minister

cc: Honourable Dominic Cardy, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development

