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Mr. Robert Fowler, Chair District Education Council Anglophone South School District 490 Woodward Avenue Saint John, NB E2K 5N3

Dear Mr. Fowler:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Anglophone South District Education Council in which you request additional funds to support the continued roll out of PowerSchool in the Anglophone South School District (ASD-S).

I appreciate the DEC communicating how important this issue is to your district. I assure you this topic is also very important to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and we want to support school districts to make the best possible use of the new student information system.

In response to the needs expressed by superintendents, we have continued to fund the positions that were expected to be discontinued this past July. We have since taken additional appropriate steps that we anticipate will allow us to better support a continued roll out of PowerSchool in your district. We understand the significant value of the Student Information System in that it provides efficiencies for educators and a comprehensive system for planning and monitoring.

Thank you for taking the time to bring this concern to our attention.

Sincerely,

Hon. Brian Kenny

Minister

C. Ms. Zoë Watson, Superintendent, Anglophone South School District