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Teacher Regulation Branch
Ministry of Education
400-2025 West Broadway
Vancouver, BC V6J 1Z6

Re: Eligibility Requirements

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Education of School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert). We have been working with post-secondary institutions in the hope of offering a professional teacher program in our remote community. Following an information session, with many potential students in attendance, only one application has been approved.

We understand that for many of those potential students, the eligibility requirements set by the Teacher Regulation Branch are the reason their applications have not been successful. While this letter is not the place to discuss the details of these applicants, it does appear that the eligibility requirements set by the Teacher Regulation Branch, are not current and are hindering many good applicants to pursue a teaching certificate.

Our request is that the Teacher Regulation Branch undertake a full review of the eligibility requirements and application process for students wishing to pursue a career in teaching. Given the challenges recruiting teachers to our remote communities, we believe this is an urgent matter that should be pursued as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,
School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert)

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Horne", is written over the printed name and title.

Mr. James Horne
Chair

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Minister of Education
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