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D. Scott MacDonald
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Education
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Feb 22/19

Dear Mr. MacDonald,
Re: Aboriginal Education Targeted Funds

Thank you for your letter of January 15, 2019. We are pleased to respond to the conditions laid out in your letter as follows:

- The district has restricted the unspent funds for use only on Aboriginal Education programs.
- The district plans to spend these unspent funds, and the 2018-19 allocated funds, by June 30, 2019.
- The targeted Aboriginal Education funding was not spent in 2017-18 because some planned activities were not completed. In addition, the department's practice has been to keep some funds in reserve for emergent items or opportunities that may arise during the year.
- Attached please find a summary of the spending in 2017-18.
- With respect to "Administration" charges, these are the costs of the District Principal, Aboriginal Education and the Aboriginal Education Department Secretary. The work of the District Principal, in particular, is much more than just "Administration" but we have not been tracking the principal's time to allow a reasonable allocation between administrative duties and other duties that are directly impacting students and their families. There are no use of targeted Aboriginal funding to offset any district administrative charges.

Please let us know if you require any further information.

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

Irene LaPierre
Superintendent