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Paul Simpson, President
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Dear Paul Simpson:

Further to my letter from March 9, 2022, I am pleased to confirm the following changes pertaining to the Learning Improvement Fund (LIF) for the duration of the Provincial Framework for 2022 to 2025 established between the BC Public School Employers' Association (BCPSEA) and the K-12 Presidents Council and Support Staff Union.

The LIF will remain at a \$20 million allocation for the duration of the 2022/2023 school year. It will then increase by \$5 million to a total \$25 million allocation to school districts each school year for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 school years.

The Ministry will continue to maintain the *Learning Improvement Fund Regulation*, which requires school districts to submit a spending plan to the Ministry specifying how school districts spend their LIF allocation. This directly enables the provision of additional hours, up to 35 hours per week, and/or positions to enhance direct services to students.

School districts will be expected to consult with local unions in determining deployment of their LIF allocation. In addition, for school years 2023/2024 and 2024/2025, school districts and local unions will be expected to provide written confirmation that genuine consultation on the use of LIF has occurred between the local parties.

As with other Ministry allocations, the LIF is subject to the appropriation by the Legislature of the necessary monies on an annual basis as required under Section 21 of the *Financial Administration Act*.

I am pleased to confirm these changes to the ongoing multi-year commitment to the LIF to improve the learning conditions for students.

Sincerely,

Christina Zacharuk
Deputy Minister