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Dear Luciana:

Thank you for your letter regarding Speech & Hearing Month in May. The Government of Saskatchewan agrees that access to speech, language and hearing supports can make a meaningful difference for students. We recognize and appreciate the important work of speech-language pathologists, audiologists and communication health assistants in helping students learn and succeed at school.

The Government of Saskatchewan is ensuring all students have the supports they need to succeed by providing a record investment to the province's 27 school divisions of \$2.5 billion in operating funding for the 2026-27 school year. This is an increase of \$62.2 million, or 2.6 per cent, over last year's Budget Day allocation. Over the past three years, the province has increased operating funding by approximately 20 per cent.

This year's increase provides funding to support enrolment growth, inflationary pressures and salaries, including \$14.2 million to recognize salary increases for non-teaching staff such as speech and language pathologists, educational assistants, and other staff who are not classroom teachers.

While staffing decisions are made by locally elected school division boards, the Ministry of Education supports this work through funding. Operating funding allows school divisions to hire the professionals they need to meet the diverse needs of students, including those who support speech, language and hearing development.

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In Saskatchewan, our Ministry of Education has recently completed a curriculum renewal for English language arts. As part of this work, speech-pathologists provided valuable feedback in Kindergarten and Grades 1 to 3 Reading Scope and Sequence, helping to strengthen early reading instruction and support student learning improving outcomes for all students.

I appreciate the time you have taken to share this information with me and best wishes for a successful campaign.

Sincerely,



Everett Hindley
Minister of Education