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**Premier of Manitoba**  
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CANADA

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Dear Minister Cable,

I am honoured that you have agreed to serve Manitobans as the Minister of Advanced Education and Training.

Our government is a listening government. As a Minister, I expect you to respect the excellence and expert advice of the public service and to work with them on our shared mission to serve the people of Manitoba.

Manitobans told us it was time for change. We have promised to deliver a government that builds a shared future for our province. Our platform offered an ambitious and responsible plan to make health care better, lower costs, and grow the economy with good jobs and a balanced budget. Manitobans expect us to fulfill our commitments, and it is my expectation that you deliver on the commitments that pertain to your Ministry. Delivering on our core election commitments within a balanced budget is critical to fulfilling the mandate Manitobans have given us.

As the Minister of Advanced Education and Training, you will be responsible for ensuring Manitobans are ready for the careers and challenges of today and tomorrow by providing equitable access to the best training and educational opportunities.

In particular, I ask that you work with your Cabinet colleagues and through legislative, regulatory and department processes to deliver on these immediate priorities:

- Respect universities as self-governing institutions, honour the entrepreneurial nature of community colleges and support the important role that labour plays in delivering high-quality training across the province.
- Work with the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg, Brandon University, Université de Saint-Boniface, Canadian Mennonite University and the University College of the North to deliver high-quality affordable education to students.
- Work with Red River Community College, Assiniboine Community College and the Manitoba Institute for Trades and Technology to ensure our province's economic needs are met.
- Work with the department of Health to train more doctors and nurses by expanding the University of Manitoba's Bannatyne campus, creating ten new doctor training seats for Brandon and creating a pathway for LPNs to become RNs in collaboration with Assiniboine Community College, and work with the other postsecondary institutions to expand training opportunities.

Additionally I ask that you work with your Cabinet colleagues and through legislative, regulatory and department processes to deliver on our other key commitments:

- Work with the department of Education to integrate STEM programming in high schools into pathways for advanced training and employment.
- Restore International student health coverage.
- Repeal Bill 33, the Advanced Education Administration Amendment Act, to protect institutional autonomy.
- Work with the department of Agriculture to build a Prairie Innovation centre for Sustainable Agriculture at Assiniboine Community College.
- Increase funding to Research Manitoba and work with the department of Health to create clinician-research chairs at our health care centres of excellence.
- Work with Red River College and Assiniboine Community College to ensure workers are ready for jobs.
- Increase funding for student bursaries and financial aid.

In addition to these priorities, I also expect that you uphold your role with integrity, professionalism and a commitment to accountability. That includes working closely with your Deputy Minister and your senior officials to ensure all decisions are made in the public interest. Just like any high-performing organization, our government will set metrics and measurable goals, listen to evidence and front line workers, regularly assess our work and report on our progress in order to deliver on the results Manitobans deserve.

The road ahead will have challenges. Change does not come easily. But we owe it to the people of this great province to deliver on our commitments. I know you are as committed as I am to working hard every day to deliver for the people of Manitoba. Our Cabinet will reflect the values all Manitobans share of honesty, hard work, pragmatism and kindness.

Manitobans can accomplish amazing things when we stand together as one province. I firmly believe there is no challenge that we cannot meet when we are united as one Manitoba.

I know I can count on you to fulfill these important responsibilities. As Premier I promise to support you as a Minister, consult with you as a Manitoban and lean on you as a friend. Together, we will work to honour the trust Manitobans have given us.

Miigwech, Merci, Thank you,

Premier of Manitoba

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