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**Premier of Manitoba**  
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CANADA

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Dear Minister Altomare,

I am honoured that you have agreed to serve Manitobans as Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning.

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 Education and Early Childhood Learning, you are responsible for overseeing the educational development of Manitoba's children from the earliest years. This great responsibility comes with an obligation to ensure our public schools and child care centres are safe places where every child matters and every child is set up for success.

Your goal is to work with educators and families to improve educational outcomes, support students and families and prepare Manitoba's children for the careers and challenges of the future. In particular, I ask that you work with your Cabinet colleagues and through legislative, regulatory and department processes to deliver on these top priorities:

- Establish a universally accessible nutrition program available to every public school in Manitoba.
- Provide stable, predictable funding to public school divisions that keeps up with enrollment and student needs.
- Hire more teachers and EAs to make sure children across Manitoba can reach their full potential.
- Return to smaller class sizes for the youngest learners.

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

- Reinststate the Assistant Deputy Minister for le Bureau de l'éducation française.
- Develop a comprehensive strategy for recruiting and retaining early childhood educators.
- Build more childcare spaces including increasing flexible options for parents who work shift-work and ensure childcare centres have adequate funding to deliver care.
- Work with the Université de Saint-Boniface to train more French language educators.
- Bring in new P3 accountability legislation to protect schools.
- Create an Assistant Deputy Minister for Indigenous Excellence in Education.
- Strengthen the K-12 curriculum with a focus on math and reading outcomes along with citizenship.
- Increase STEM programming at high schools.
- Bring in real \$10/day child care for all children under 12 in the summer and on holidays.

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 frontline 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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