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Mr. David Harvie
President
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Dear Mr. Harvie:

Thank you for your letter regarding the new standards for the selection and management of school library materials. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The Government of Alberta is committed to ensuring that school library materials are age-appropriate for Alberta students. This is a sensitive topic on which people hold a variety of views, which is why the government took the time to gather input from Albertans as well as education stakeholders. As part of the development of the standards announced on July 10, I met with leadership from the Library Association of Alberta to discuss their perspectives on this topic. Their input, along with feedback from stakeholders and the public, informed the development of the standards.

The government acknowledges the important role that librarians and other school staff play within school libraries. We remain committed to ongoing collaboration with stakeholders, including librarians, to ensure the successful implementation of these standards in the upcoming school year.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Demetrios Nicolaides".

Demetrios Nicolaides ECA PhD
Minister of Education and Childcare