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Via Email: [education.minister@gov.ab.ca](mailto:education.minister@gov.ab.ca)

Honourable Demetrios Nicolaides  
Minister of Education  
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Re: Indoor and Outdoor Air Quality Concerns

Dear Minister Nicolaides,

I am writing to bring to your attention the pressing issue of Air Quality and HVAC concerns in schools across our province. We have received numerous concerns from parents, most of which have also been sent to your office, regarding the Air Quality in Schools and the inadequacies of HVAC systems which have raised alarm bells amongst educators, parents, and students alike.

Last year we introduced you to Advocacy Policy 24-03, highlighting the issues with respect to Air Quality and under-engineered HVAC systems.

During my recent visit to Highlands School (EPSB), I personally experienced the discomfort caused by poor air quality and insufficient cooling capabilities. The prevailing conditions have been escalating in recent years leading to canceled sporting events, health issues among students, and an overall challenging learning environment.

While we appreciate the recent announcement to increase funding for school maintenance and renewal projects, it is essential to address the specific needs of upgrading HVAC systems and improving air purification in ALL schools. The impact of repeated fire seasons on students' well-being cannot be understated, and proactive measures must be taken to ensure a safe and conducive learning environment.

I urge your government to prioritize investments in modern HVAC systems that provide clean air and effective cooling and heating systems to protect the health and well-being of our students. In collaboration with education stakeholders, we agree that addressing these infrastructure challenges should be a priority in ensuring a supportive learning environment for all.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to seeing positive changes that will benefit our learning environments and students.

Sincerely,

**Ken Glazebrook** (he/him)

President

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