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Dear Mr. Muise:

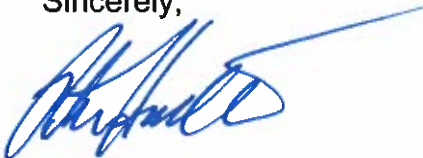
Minister Colton LeBlanc, MLA Argyle, requested I review the concerns expressed in your June 18, 2021, letter to Right-of-Way Officer, Kevin Rudderham, regarding the ownership of the old Wedgeport School and property. I offer the following update.

Department staff have discussed your proposed options with officials from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD). We have concluded that maintaining ownership of the existing school property and entering a maintenance and operational agreement with the Municipality of Argyle for the recreational facilities on the property is reasonable as a large portion of this property is required for continued educational purposes and operation of the new school.

The old school will also pose safety issues in the operation of the new school if not demolished in a timely manner. Our Real Property Division will work with EECD and the Municipality of Argyle to prepare and execute the required documentation as soon as possible.

I trust this addresses your concerns. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Peter Hackett, P.Eng.  
Deputy Minister

c: Honourable Colton LeBlanc, MLA Argyle  
Deputy Minister Cathy Montreuil, EECD  
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