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Trina Cassidy  
Secretary-Treasurer  
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Dear Director Cassidy,

Re: Board of Education Budget Process (2022) KTTA Stakeholder Response

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the Board of Education budget proposed for the 2022/2023 school year. After attending the April 5, 2022 budget presentation and reviewing the presentation documents, the Executive Committee of the Kamloops Thompson

1. Having now operated through two school years under pandemic and enhanced communicable disease protocols, the on-going need to prioritize the cleanliness and safety of schools is certainly evident. The KTTA supports the allocation of funds for maintaining day-custodial positions and the purchase of MERV-13 HVAC filters for improved air quality in buildings.
2. Recent updates to WorkSafeBC for the K to 12 education sector have brought increased attention to the risk of physical and psychological injury to workers in school settings. Psychological injuries are often invisible and un(der)-reported, with workers simply taking sick leave when their work situations are no longer manageable. This presents a significant financial cost to the employer, along with non-monetary impacts like reduced morale and a decreased sense of safety and well-being for students and staff. The KTTA strongly encourages additional funding be



On behalf of the KTTA Executive Committee, we thank you in advance for considering our questions and concerns and invite discussion relating to our feedback. Please contact us at any time.

Sincerely,

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