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Dear Ms. Wylie,

Thank you for your letter regarding investment in Canadian public schools. We salute your passion and your advocacy on this issue. Liberals understand that our kids need positive and enriching environments in order to learn and grow.

We also recognize that responsibility for education belongs to the provinces, and the Liberal Party of Canada respects that division of power. Yet there are areas in which the federal government can play a role.

The best investments we can make are those that generate economic growth and provide immediate and long-term social gain. As you have identified, as part of our historic investment in infrastructure, a Liberal government will provide a new, dedicated funding envelope for social infrastructure. We will boost investment in social infrastructure by nearly \$6 billion over the next four years, and almost \$20 billion over ten years.

As part of our plan, we will develop bilateral agreements with the provinces and territories. We will not only significantly increase the scale of federal infrastructure investment; our plan will provide provinces, territories, and municipalities with an unprecedented level of long-term predictability in funding, as well. This will be done in full respect of provincial jurisdiction so that provinces can prioritize their infrastructure needs – and yes, these needs could include investment in school buildings.

A Liberal government is also committed to investing in our children by giving teachers and early childhood educators a new tax benefit for school supplies they purchase to enhance our children's learning. Like our educators, Liberals are firmly committed to investing in our children. Liberals will introduce a new Teacher and Early Childhood Educator School Supply Tax Benefit, accessible to all teachers and early childhood educators. This refundable tax benefit will be available regardless of income level, and will provide a cash benefit of up to \$150 annually on up to \$1,000 worth of school supplies and educational materials.

The Teacher and Early Childhood Educator School Supply Tax Benefit will apply to expenses for the 2015 tax year, and will generate \$60 million annually in tax savings for teachers and early childhood educators across the country.

On behalf of our Leader, Justin Trudeau, and the entire Liberal team, thank you for writing to identify the major concerns of your membership.

We appreciate your interest in the Liberal Party of Canada's policies as they relate to the issues which affect you.

Sincerely,

Anna Gainey, President
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