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To whom it may concern:

Letter of Support – Centre of Diversity

Edmonton Public Schools is proud to offer high quality public education to over 105,000 students from across the Edmonton community. Just as our city is made up of people from around the world, so are our classrooms. As much as we recognize and celebrate the diversity of culture, religion and worldviews of the students we serve, we also acknowledge that not all students are able to feel a sense of belonging and connection to school due to racism, discrimination or bias. As a school Division we are committed to working towards authentic change and have developed an Anti-racism and Equity Action Plan to help guide us on this path. This work is complex, will take time and is something we cannot do alone. Our progress towards anti-racism and reconciliation is strengthened and supported when we are able to work together with the broader Edmonton community.

The opportunity for Edmonton to have a Centre of Diversity is an excellent step in supporting awareness, understanding and tolerance amongst all people of our city. Such a Centre has the potential to bring people together through programming that promotes positive dialogue, hosts exhibits that teach and celebrate various cultures and beliefs, as well as challenges visitors to understand history and confront discrimination in our world today. A facility of this nature would be a tremendous resource for our city and has the potential to serve as a meaningful and engaging field trip where students would be able to learn experientially about other cultures, world views and histories.

Please accept this letter of support, endorsing the vision for a Centre of Diversity in our community.

Sincerely,



Trisha Estabrooks
Board Chair