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Honourable Demetrios Nicholaides Minister of Education Government of Alberta

Via email: education.minister@gov.ab.ca

Dear Minister Nicholaides:

Re: Surplus Declaration Notice of a Portion of the Virginia Park School Site Municipal Address: 7324 109 Avenue NW

On October 10, 2023, the Board of Trustees of Edmonton Public School Division declared a portion of the Virginia Park School site as surplus to Division needs. The surplus declaration is in response to Concordia University of Edmonton's (CUE) use of the land for University parking over the past 35 years. This parking will continue to meet CUE parking needs over the long term, reducing street parking pressure in the adjacent neighbourhood. The intent is to transfer ownership of the parking area to CUE in the near future. As per the *Disposition of Property Regulation 86/2019*, we are requesting written notification of any provincial interest in the site.

Edmonton Catholic Separate School Division and the Consell scolaire Centre-Nord were informed of the surplus declaration by Edmonton Public School Division as specified in Section 6.1 of the Joint Use Agreement: Land (JUA: Land). According to Section 6.2 of the JUA: Land, "Each of the Boards shall have 90 days after receipt of the 'Surplus Notice' to indicate its intention to pursue the purchase of the Surplus School Site by notice in writing to that effect given to the Selling Board."

Should the Joint Use Agreement partners and the Government of Alberta choose not to exercise their first rights to acquire this land, our Division will then work with CUE to create a land parcel that can be transferred in ownership to CUE to accommodate the proposed parking area. Approval of a final sale and transfer agreement would subsequently be sought from yourself, following approval from our Board of Trustees.

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If additional information is required, please contact Josephine Duquette at 780-429-8522 or josephine.duquette@epsb.ca.

Sincerely,

Julie Kusiek, Chair Board of Trustees

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Enclosure

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