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Her Worship Val van den Broek, Mayor
City of Langley
Email: mayor@langleycity.ca

Dear Mayor van den Broek:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding your support of the provincial public library funding.

Public libraries are a vital part of communities across British Columbia. Government is committed to working with our library partners, community agencies and other stakeholders to ensure a stable and reliable public system that is future-focused. We are currently reviewing our strategic priorities for public library services that work for everyone. Refreshing the strategic priorities will enable all libraries regardless of size or location to deliver the connected and digitally enhanced programs, services and information resources that British Columbians need now and in the future. Public library funding and distribution will be reviewed in this context.

I will be attending the UBCM Convention in Vancouver and look forward to further discussions with local governments on the value and impact of our public library system.

While the process for requesting meetings directly with me have passed, Ministry staff are available during this time. You may request a staff level meeting through <https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/UBCMMeetingRequest/Staff> before August 23, 2019. Alternatively, if you are unable to meet the meeting request deadline, please email the Ministry directly at DM.Education@gov.bc.ca to request a meeting with Ministry staff.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming
Minister