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Honourable Thomas Lukaszuk
Minister of Education
423 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Lukaszuk,

The recent discussion by the AUC to locate the high voltage power lines near Colchester school in Strathcona County will result in the closure of the school. We completed a recent Value Management Session with representatives from Alberta Education, Alberta Infrastructure, the Board of Trustees, principals from Colchester, Fultonvale and Ministik schools, and parents from each school. It was agreed the best solution was to modernize Fultonvale and increase the capacity to include the Colchester cohort. The modernization would include space for a possible future amalgamation of the Ministik school.

The Board is requesting the necessary funding to complete this project. It would be greatly appreciated if this could be considered an emergent issue due to the short time line for the power lines to be energized in the summer of 2013. All proceeds from the sale of Colchester school will go towards the cost of this project.

Thank you for considering our request.

Yours respectfully,



Barb McNeill
Board Chair

cc Honourable Jeff Johnson, Minister of Infrastructure
Bruce Beliveau, Superintendent
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