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Save Our Fine Arts (SOFA)

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Dear Committee Members,

I would like to congratulate you on the organization and execution of last night's meeting on the proposed changes to the K-12 fine arts curriculum.

Clearly, the arts are an important part of any progressive education system. That said, governments looking for ways to save often mistakenly cut these programs because of a lack of understanding of the growth that students have when enrolled in them.

Your organization did an excellent job at highlighting both the need for arts education and maintaining adequate funding for our public education system. The efforts of your organization make it more difficult for the Provincial government to cut such programs. Your continuous efforts make the Alberta education system a better one for students.

Again, thank you for putting on a great event— events such as yours helps me to be more effective within Alberta's Official Opposition. Please stay in touch.

Sincerely,



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