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Ian Aaron  
Director  
School District Financial Reporting Branch  
Ministry of Education  
PO Box 9151 Stn Prov Govt  
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Dear Mr. Aaron:

Re: **Interest Charges to First Nations in British Columbia from some School Districts**

We are writing to provide an update regarding funding to First Nations in British Columbia (BC) for the final Nominal Roll tuition payments for fiscal year 2012-2013. The Department was able to process the Nominal Roll for some bands in March 2013 and did release funds for the final payments for our fiscal year ending March 30<sup>th</sup> 2013 to those First Nations.

For the remainder of First Nations in BC, the Department is finalizing the Nominal Roll tuition adjustments for 2012-2013 to permit the flow of additional funds in June 2013. For these First Nations, this means that there was a delay in finalizing adjustments for the September 2012 school year.

It has been brought to the Department's attention that some School Districts may be charging interest to First Nations for late payment of their Nominal Roll tuition. We request that the the Ministry of Education considers requesting that School Districts defer charging interest to First Nations, where some efforts have been made to make payments on accounts, given that the delays have not been of their making.

We appreciate your understanding and assistance in this matter.

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If you require any further information or have any questions, please contact  
Leanne Martinson, Education Manager, BC Region at 604-775-8135.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted Adnitt', written in a cursive style.

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