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Vice-President Michelle LeClair and Herb Norton Métis Nation – Saskatchewan 310 20<sup>th</sup> Street East SASKATOON SK S7K 0A7 r.racette@mns.work

Dear Michelle LeClair and Herb Norton:

Thank you for your letter dated May 26, 2022, regarding your ongoing efforts to resolve the Île-à-la-Crosse Boarding School legacy. As the Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs, I will respond on behalf of the Premier.

Your correspondence requests that the Government of Saskatchewan provide relevant documents regarding the Île-à-la-Crosse School. I have been advised that the Ministry of Education has provided documents under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* upon request, including documents obtained from the Provincial Archives.

Regarding your request to meet, we respectfully decline. The Government is defending the litigation in relation to the Île-à-la-Crosse School, which remains before the court.

Although we must decline the invitation to meet, our government remains committed to exploring opportunities for building Saskatchewan's relationship with Indigenous citizens, including Métis communities and the Métis Nation-Saskatchewan. We remain committed to action on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action and recognize that more work still needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Don McMorris

Minister of Government Relations and

Minister Responsible for First Nations, Métis and Northern Affairs

Minister Responsible for Provincial Capital Commission

cc: Premier Scott Moe

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Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Crown – Indigenous Relations Jim Lemaigre, Member of the Legislative Assembly - Athabasca