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To: All Board Chairs, Superintendents, Secretary Treasurers
All School Districts

Dear Colleagues:

As per our previous correspondence, you are aware of the current initiative to review rural education and that we have been planning regional meetings. We are still seeking input from stakeholders, including (but not limited to): parents, the public, school district staff, Boards of Education, partner organizations, and local governments.

We are pleased to announce that we have finalized the dates and times of the regional meetings and are actively engaging with our community partners to ensure they are a success.

Chilliwack	January 26 th	Thursday	6:00pm–8:00pm
Prince George	February 1 st	Wednesday	6:00pm–8:00pm
Terrace	February 6 th	Monday	6:00pm–8:00pm
Williams Lake	February 8 th	Wednesday	6:00pm–8:00pm
Kamloops	February 9 th	Thursday	6:00pm–8:00pm
Comox-Courtenay	February 17 th	Friday	6:00pm–8:00pm
Trail	February 24 th	Friday	6:00pm–8:00pm
Fort St John	March 3 rd	Friday	6:00pm–8:00pm
Revelstoke	March 10 th	Friday	6:00pm–8:00pm

Information updates regarding the regional meetings, including the specific venues, will be posted on the rural education website at <http://engage.gov.bc.ca/ruraleducation/>.

We hope that members of your organisation will be able to attend, and we respectfully request your assistance in communicating meeting dates and times to your members, noting that everyone is welcome to attend. The first 30-45 minutes of each meeting will be an open house format, where light refreshments will be served. The remaining portion of the meeting will be a facilitated session with Ministry of Education staff and/or Ms. Larson to review the key themes that have been communicated through the engagement process thus far, and to discuss possible ideas for moving forward.

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Your ongoing support of the review is appreciated. On behalf of Linda Larson, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Education, I thank you for taking the time to participate in the conversation on rural education in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'G. Farkas', written in a cursive style.

George Farkas
Assistant Deputy Minister