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Ms. Maria Rizzo
Chair of the Board
Toronto Catholic District School Board
c/o Ms. Paola Botticella
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Dear Ms. Rizzo:

Thank you for your letter seeking an update on the federal government's funding commitment announced in June 2019.

The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), working with the Ministry of Education (EDU), continues to negotiate an agreement with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to redistribute funds under the Climate Action Incentive Fund to Ontario school boards. As we work towards reaching an agreement with ECCC, we remain aware of the concerns of school boards with respect to the timeline for the release of these funds. All details on funding arrangements and terms will be made available when an agreement is reached with the federal government.

We note that Ontario continues to make significant investments to support the repair and renewal of school facilities, investing \$1.4 billion for the 2019-20 school year, and many of these investments will improve the overall energy efficiency of school facilities.

On November 29, 2018, our government released for consultation a living document, our [Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan](#). We continue to work on it so we protect our air, land and water, address litter and reduce waste, support Ontarians to continue to do their share to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions, and help communities and families prepare for the impacts of climate change.

I have shared this response with my colleague, the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, for his information.

I trust this information is helpful in addressing your concerns.

Sincerely,

Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

c: The Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education