

Palliser Regional Schools

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Mrs. Colleen Deitz, Board Chair Palliser Regional Schools #101 3305 18 Avenue North Lethbridge, AB T1H 5S1

Dear Chair Deitz:

As you are aware, questions have been raised about the culture of Palliser Regional Schools, and, in particular, my management style and conduct. Comments being shared online and in other forums, while not verified as true, have become a distraction from daily operations in Palliser.

To allow myself and my team to focus on the important work of supporting students and their learning, I respectfully request the Board of Trustees order an independent external review of our operations to put to rest these allegations that reflect not only on myself but on the outstanding work of Palliser's committed staff.

I would ask the Board of Trustees to undertake this initiative as soon as possible.

I am confident the work we have achieved has been in the best interest of our schools and our students and believe a review will affirm this.

I can appreciate that the Board had a review of Central Office conducted less than two years ago, and I'm pleased the results were positive. However, it's clear to me we need to address lingering concerns in order to move forward.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gietz, Superintendent Palliser Regional Schools