



**Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning**

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Dear Trevor Reid:

I am responding to your correspondence dated August 27, 2024, requesting permission to have The Sunrise School Division Hutterian calendar approved with five additional in-service dates specific to Hutterite schools in the division.

I note that the proposal is intended to provide six Hutterite schools in The Sunrise School Division with non-instructional days specific to religious holidays that could not be aligned with the non-instructional days of the division's calendar for public schools.

As this proposed calendar would allow students attending the colony schools to observe and fully participate in the colony's religious holidays without academic conflict, I am prepared to grant approval of this request for the 2024/25 school year and waive any associated grant reduction. Please note that I have also asked department staff to work with you to explore options for maintaining the minimum required number of school days for Hutterite schools in the division for future years.

Please pass on my best wishes to the students and staff of the Hutterite schools in The Sunrise School Division for a successful implementation of their adjusted calendar dates.

Sincerely,

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- c. Mona Pandey, Assistant Deputy Minister, System Performance and Accountability Division