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Honourable Nello Altomare  
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Learning  
168 Legislative Building  
450 Broadway  
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Dear Honourable Nello Altomare,

Sunrise School Division would like to request approval to deviate from the 10-day limit for in-service days as specified in the provisions of the School Days, Hours and Vacations Regulations. The request would be for the six Hutterite Schools within our Division.

As I am sure your office is aware there are religious holidays that are recognized by our colonies. For the 2024-2025 school year, these days would include:

- Epiphany – January 6, 2025
- An additional day at Easter – April 22, 2025
- Ascension Day – May 29, 2025
- Pentecost – June 9 & 10, 2025

The request is to allow our six Hutterite Colony Schools to be granted the above 5 non-instructional days in addition to the 10 days allowed by the Regulation.

When considering the operational needs of all our division's schools, we are unable to align these days with the Sunrise School Division calendar. There is a sixth religious holiday recognized by the colonies, April 21, 2025 (Easter Monday), that operationally we were able to align with the 10-day limit of our divisional calendar.

Sincerely,

Trevor Reid  
Superintendent/CEO

cc Board of Trustees