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Dear CRPS Parents and Guardians,

We are pleased to share encouraging news that supports continued stability for all learners across Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS). Thanks to renewed commitments from Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), Stoney Nakoda Nation students will continue to have uninterrupted access to CRPS schools into the foreseeable future.

Following recent meetings, ISC has confirmed it has provided Stoney Education Authority (SEA) with full tuition funding under the Educational Services Agreement (ESA) for the 2025/26 school year. In addition, ISC has committed to an exceptional new funding model in which 100 per cent of tuition costs will be provided to SEA at the start of each federal fiscal year, beginning April 1. This approach offers greater financial clarity and allows CRPS to plan with more confidence moving forward.

While ISC's funding model only supports one year at a time and CRPS remains outside the funding relationship between ISC and SEA, we are reassured by this renewed commitment to honour and fully fund the ESA in the years ahead. The Board acknowledges that financial risk can never be fully eliminated, but we believe that the understandings reached through these recent conversations allow us to move forward in good faith and with cautious optimism.

We echo the words of our partners at the Stoney Education Authority, who affirmed their belief in the strength of this partnership and their gratitude that students can remain in the schools they've come to know and trust.

As always, CRPS remains committed to fostering welcoming, inclusive, and high-quality learning environments for all students. We are thankful to the many Indigenous families who continue to place their trust in us, and we look forward to continuing this important journey together.

Sincerely,
Christopher MacPhee
Superintendent of Schools
Canadian Rockies Public Schools