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Hon. John Duncan
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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Re: Aboriginal Education

Dear Minister Duncan:

The Canadian Federation of University Women/Fédération Canadienne des femmes Diplômées des Universités (CFUW/FCFDU) adopted this resolution at its Annual General Meeting this summer:

RESOLVED, That Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada to make it a priority to collaborate with Aboriginal, provincial and territorial governments to ensure designated educational funding, indexed to inflation and adjusted annually for population increase, including multidisciplinary resource funding for items such as but not limited to:

1. Early Childhood Education
2. School infrastructure and equipment
3. Books, school libraries and information technology resources
4. Student assessment facilities
5. Skills development and
6. A culturally sensitive curriculum

All of which will ensure that Aboriginal students from preschool to adulthood are able to achieve their maximum potential; and

RESOLVED, That the federal, provincial, territorial and Aboriginal governments work together to create a system of accountability for the funding and the quality of the education provided.

CFUW supports funding for programs to address inequities faced by our Aboriginal peoples and programs that will redress the imbalances that they face in their lives. Meeting promises made in the Kelowna Accord would be a good place to start.

CFUW looks forward to hearing how you plan to assist Aboriginal Canadians.

Sincerely,

Brenda Wallace, CFUW National President