February 8, 2019

Dear Applicant:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Our File #: EECD/006/2018)

On January 25, 2019, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) received your request for access to the following records/information:

"I'm looking for communications between the Eastern School District and the Education Minister and the Justice Minister in regards to the Bullying Policy and Legislation."

On February 5, 2019, your request for information was clarified as follows:

"I'm looking for communications between the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) and the Education Minister and the Justice Minister in regards to the Bullying Policy and Legislation. In particular, I am seeking correspondence between all three parties regarding how the Bullying Intervention Protocol came about. The timeframe of the request is from 2015 to current year."

The Deputy Minister for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (the Department) has reviewed this request and the Department has no records responsive to your request.

Please be advised that a review of, and public consultation regarding, the previous Safe and Caring Schools Policy informed the 2013 Policy and Procedures. The current Policy and Procedures were developed through further consultations with government and community stakeholders, and a working group comprised of department and district personnel. The Policy includes a Bullying Intervention Protocol. The Schools Act was amended in 2013 to include the requirement that schools implement the Safe and Caring Schools Policy.

You may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (the Act). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.
Please be advised that this letter will be published following a 72 hour period after it is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the letter posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act requires us to provide an advisory response within 10 days of receiving the request. As this request has been completed by day 10, this letter also serves as our Advisory Response.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned by telephone at 709-729-7180 or by email at garynoftall@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Gary Noftall
ATIPP Coordinator