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*Sent via email: Elizabeth.May@parl.gc.ca*

Elizabeth May M.P.  
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Dear Ms. May,

I am writing to you today to express my sincerest thanks for your support to ensure that Bill C-61, the *Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement Act*, passed through the House of Commons expeditiously. With the Bill's passing, the Anishinabek Education System will become a reality. The enabling legislation represents the culmination of the dedicated and tireless work of our signatory communities, educators, negotiators and technicians.

I would like to thank you for your thoughtful comments during the debate of the final reading of Bill C-61. I appreciate your questions during the debate as they were guided by genuine passion for the improvement of First Nations education, while also supporting the work of all those committed to securing a better future for our Anishinabek students.

It was a pleasure to hear you speak so passionately and favourably about this unique education agreement in the House of Commons on December 6th. Thanks to your leadership on the debate of the Bill and the commitment of the Green Party, we were able to witness unanimity and agreement in the House of Commons as Bill C-61 passed.

Thank you for your support of this Bill and I look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely,

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Grand Council Chief  
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