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SENT VIA EMAIL: ae.minister@gov.ab.ca

Honourable Myles McDougall
Minister of Advanced Education
107 Legislature Building
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Edmonton, AB, T5K 2B6

Dear Honourable Minister McDougall,

Re: Northwestern Polytechnic Fairview Campus Closure Announcement

On behalf of the Council for the Town of Fairview, as well as the citizens, businesses, staff, and students of our region, we are writing to express our deep concern regarding the announced closure of the Northwestern Polytechnic (NWP) Fairview Campus.

We respectfully request that a moratorium be placed on this decision to allow time for a full review and open consultation. We ask that all programs and courses continue as planned, and that no assets be removed from campus, until the following actions have been completed:

1. A full review of the decision to close the campus;
2. Consultation with all stakeholders on future options for the Fairview Campus;
3. A third-party financial audit; and
4. A third-party review of best practices for rural program delivery.

For more than seventy years, the Fairview Campus has been at the heart of our community—educating generations of students, supporting local industries, and providing opportunity to people across northern Alberta and beyond. It has helped shape the identity of Fairview and has been a source of pride and purpose for our region. The campus is not just an educational institution; it is an anchor for our local economy, a gathering place for innovation, and a symbol of what rural Alberta can achieve when education is accessible close to home.

The loss of this campus would reach far beyond Fairview. It would mean fewer opportunities for youth to learn and stay in the region, fewer skilled workers for northern industries, and the erosion of a legacy that communities like ours have built over generations.

We are requesting more time and resources to be allocated toward developing options before NWP closes the Fairview Campus, including the opportunity for meaningful regional consultation, which was not provided during the initial decision. Our community is ready to work collaboratively to ensure that access to education remains in northern Alberta and that rural communities like Fairview continue to thrive.

Sincerely,



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Mayor, Town of Fairview

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