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Dear Mr. Leach:

I would like to thank you, and Sheila Wells, Principal, for inviting me to attend the unveiling of the Ts'msyen House Front on March 11, 2008 in Prince Rupert. Regrettably, as my staff have already conveyed, I am unable to join you due to my legislative responsibilities. I am pleased to offer the enclosed greetings to all attendees.

I wish you all the best for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

Shirley Bond  
Minister  
Deputy Premier

Enclosure

*I am so sorry  
I cannot attend -  
I would have  
loved to be  
There!*



**Grand Opening and Feast  
Ts'msyen House Front  
Prince Rupert Secondary School  
School District No. 52 (Prince Rupert)  
Prince Rupert, BC  
March 11, 2008**

As Minister of Education, I am pleased to extend greetings to all attendees who are here to celebrate the unveiling of the Ts'msyen House Front in the Prince Rupert School District.

In school districts with large numbers of Aboriginal students, First Nations organizations must be actively involved in the local education system. The Ts'msyen Nation is one of the largest First Nations groups in British Columbia with a rich cultural heritage. The Ts'msyen House Front project is a symbol of the potential for collaboration between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal groups to improve the education of Aboriginal students.

This unique project is a culturally-inclusive, imaginative way of bringing Aboriginal culture into our schools. Under the direction of principal artist Russell Mather, Prince Rupert students, staff and community members were involved in the creation of this House Front. The community's hard work and dedication to bring this project to completion are to be commended.

It takes vision, commitment and a willingness to work together to create community. I hope the skills and experience gained through this project over the last decade will lead to future opportunities for all of the students involved. I am sure the Ts'msyen House Front will remain a source of pride for the community for many years to come.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable celebration and feast.

Sincerely,

Shirley Bond  
Minister  
Deputy Premier