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Dear Ms. Denesiuk:

Thank you for your letter dated November 2, 2009, regarding the Capital Asset Management Services (CAMS) contract, and further to my earlier response concerning Resolution 20 from the 2009 BCSTA AGM. I am pleased to provide this additional information concerning CAMS.

The contractor for the CAMS project conducts facility condition assessments for districts' schools using industry standard review criteria and will provide an assessment report to school districts for every school assessed. School district staff will have an opportunity to review and comment on the reports prior to finalizing the results of the assessment; once finalized, the assessment database is updated.

A Facility Condition Index will be calculated for all assessed facilities and will provide a standard measure of the physical condition of the facility. This information will also be used by boards to prioritize maintenance projects as well as estimate the cost required to maintain school buildings over their economic life. As well, the information will assist the Ministry of Education in determining AFG funding requirements. The full schedule of assessments will be carried out over the next two to three years under the terms of the CAMS agreement.

I trust this response provides the clarification your Board was seeking.

Sincerely,

Margaret MacDiarmid
Minister