



February 13, 2026

To all Educators and Support Staff:

The community of Tumbler Ridge has experienced an unspeakable tragedy. My heart is with everyone touched by this, especially the school community and those who have lost a loved one.

I am so grateful to the teachers, school staff, and first responders who acted quickly, and took immediate action to protect students.

The education community across the province, country, and around the world, stand with you in your grief. Losing a colleague and students in such a devastating way, has rocked us to our core.

I want to recognize the unique impact this event has had on the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, particularly for students, families, and staff who may be feeling vulnerable right now. We must continue to stand united against hate and work collectively to make our schools safe, welcoming environments where every student feels seen, valued, and able to thrive.

I know all of you enter this profession because you care deeply about community and building up the next generation. During this difficult time, we must support each other and lean into the strength, knowledge and experience gained through our strong commitment to safety and trauma informed practice.

I and the Government of British Columbia are here for you. We will continue to do whatever is necessary and provide the support and resources you need to try and heal from this unspeakable tragedy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Beare".

Lisa Beare
Minister