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Subject: FW: 2020 Education Property Tax Requisitions and Education Property Tax Deferrals

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Dear Chief Elected Official:

The Government of Alberta is providing immediate relief to Albertans and businesses to help weather the economic pressures and the COVID-19 crisis.

This support will save money for Alberta households and businesses by maintaining education property taxes at last year's level. In addition, to help maintain liquidity, we are deferring education property tax for businesses for six months. This will help keep more businesses viable, able to meet payroll obligations and to employ as many Albertans as possible.

Alberta employers will face challenges in the coming weeks. To free cash flow and help businesses retain and pay workers, government will defer six months' worth of the education portion of non-residential property tax. Only 50 per cent of the non-residential education taxes will be due in 2020. We will work with municipalities to develop flexible repayment plans.

I encourage your municipality to consider similar deferment plans for the municipal portion of the non-residential property tax. Property owners are encouraged to pass on these savings to business tenants.

We are working on the implementation details and will strive to provide you with flexibility to adapt the process to your local needs and minimize any associated administrative burden. We will look to you to help us understand how we can best manage this together. My ministry will host a technical information webinar for administrators and finance officers on Friday, March 27, 2020 to provide more details about how this deferral will work and to answer questions. An invitation will be sent to your chief administrative officer.

I appreciate the many challenges municipalities and Albertans are facing at this time. I appreciate your cooperation as we work together to support our local businesses, industry and all Albertans. This is an unprecedented situation for all of us and I truly appreciate all you are working through at the local level.

Yours truly,

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Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Chief Administrative Officers