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Office of the Minister
MLA, Calgary-Shaw

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Dear Chief Elected Official:

Joint use and planning agreements (JUPAs) between municipalities and school boards operating within municipal boundaries enable the integrated and long-term planning and use of school sites on municipal reserve, school reserve, and municipal and school reserve lands.

On June 10, 2020, Section 670.1 of the *Municipal Government Act* was proclaimed, setting the deadline for municipalities to complete these agreements with the applicable school boards by June 10, 2023.

The ministries of Municipal Affairs and Education have heard from municipalities and school boards about the challenges of meeting this deadline. My colleague, the Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education, and I have agreed to extend the deadline for municipalities and school boards to June 10, 2025, to provide sufficient time to complete these agreements.

In addition to this extension granted as per Ministerial Order No. MSD:013/23, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs can provide additional supports to municipalities to assist with the development of these agreements. Questions regarding JUPAs can be directed to a planning advisor at ma.advisory@gov.ab.ca, or toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, then 780-427-2225. Should municipalities require support to mediate discussions with school boards, please email municipalcollaboration@gov.ab.ca or call the number above for more information.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Schulz
Minister

Attachment: Ministerial Order No. MSD:013/23

cc: Honourable Adriana LaGrange, Minister of Education