



MINISTER OF EDUCATION, CITIZENSHIP AND YOUTH

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To: Principals of Schools (Kindergarten to Grade 4)

Dear Educator:

Enclosed you will find copies of *makeChange: The Ladybug Foundation Education Program* for Kindergarten to Grade 4. Over the next 2 years schools will also receive copies of resources for Grades 5 through 12.

I am pleased to provide support for this initiative to help the homeless, and delighted that the efforts of one young citizen – Hannah Taylor – have grown to this point. *makeChange* is testimony to the power of an individual to effect change within our democratic society.

I encourage you to take time to explore this resource in order to inspire your students to learn about and work together to help the homeless in our province and in our country. This resource has the potential to engage students in thoughtful reflection about caring for others and to instill a sense of gratitude regarding how their own basic needs are met. The *makeChange* program invites students to make a difference, however small or big, and gives hope that as individuals and groups, people can create change in the face of seemingly hopeless situations.

makeChange provides opportunities for student-centred learning, inquiry through action, and building a sense of community. The enduring understandings and skills developed could have far reaching possibilities ranging from individual acts of kindness and caring, to those of a magnitude comparable to what Hannah Taylor has accomplished.

I also encourage you to fill out the enclosed feedback form and return it to the Ladybug Foundation, so that future editions of this learning resource may reflect your observations and experiences in the classroom.

Sincerely,

Honourable Peter Bjornson

Enclosure

- c. Superintendents of School Divisions
- Directors of First Nations Education Authorities
- Federation of Independent Schools