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Dear Mr. McFarland.

I have heard some discussion surrounding the elimination of funding for the Alberta Distance Learning Centre(ADLC). I have a very grave concern regarding this and I hope it is nothing more than a rumor. This discussion seems to be spearheaded by some of the larger school boards but such a move would have disastrous effects on smaller school boards and most private schools. I taught in a rural public system for twenty nine years, five of which I was principal, and have been a principal in a private school for the past four and a half years. In both cases I was dependent on ADLC to make it possible to provide a varied program and to continue to make these schools viable. When you are a small school, ADLC provides the opportunity to offer students, courses that you may be unable to teach in a semester, as well as many optional courses that provide a varied program. Without the continued opportunity and support provided by ADLC the ability of small schools to offer a varied program would be seriously compromised at best and could impact sustainability at worst.

I would therefore request, as one of your constituents and as an educator, that you to do everything in your power to resist such a move. It will cause irreparable damage to Alberta's education system, particularly in rural areas.

Sincerely,

J. Dale Anger

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