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Dear Premier Campbell:

RE: Community Report 2008 Indigenous children in the BC Foster Care system in Victoria

I am pleased to provide this report to you. The information was collected during a community meeting in Victoria in December 2007 and is posted on our website www.surroundedbycedar.com in the NEWS section.

Our Indigenous and non Indigenous community members made a number of recommendations and we agreed to provide a copy of the report to key government Ministries (including MCFD, Education, Health and the Attorney General) and other stakeholders including the Representative for Children and Youth, Mary-Ellen Turpel Lafond.

We plan to host another community meeting in June 2008 to report on progress made toward these recommendations by key Ministries.

We welcome an opportunity to meet with you or your representative regarding this report and recommendations that are based in our community wisdom. We believe that by working together, we can make a difference for our children living in the BC Foster Care system.

We look forward to your reply,

Yours truly,

Shelly Johnson, MSW
Chief Executive Officer

