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Dear Ms Lodewyk,

**Subject: Support for Proposed Changes to Playground Zone Times**

On behalf of Red Deer Public Schools, we are writing to express our strong support for the proposed bylaw changes to adjust playground zone operational times to begin earlier, at 7:00 a.m. We believe this adjustment is an important step in enhancing the safety of children and families travelling to school or using playgrounds during morning hours.

Many playground zones are located near schools and are frequently used by students and community members during their morning routines. Starting playground zone times earlier ensures that children are better protected during these critical hours, reducing potential risks and fostering a safer environment for all.

This proactive measure aligns with our division's commitment to student safety and our shared goal of creating secure spaces for children and families. We commend the City of Red Deer for recognizing this need and taking action to address it.

As partners in this effort, Red Deer Public Schools is ready to assist in raising awareness about the bylaw change and its benefits. Whether through community outreach or education initiatives, we are committed to supporting this initiative's successful implementation.

Thank you for prioritizing the well-being of our students and community members. Please let us know if there are additional ways we can assist in this process.

Sincerely,

Nicole Buchanan  
Board Chair

Chad Erickson  
Superintendent of Schools