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Ms. Holly Bilton  
Board Chair  
The Chinook's Edge School Division  
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Sent via email: [hbilton@cesd73.ca](mailto:hbilton@cesd73.ca)

**SUBJECT: COLLEGIATE APPLICATION**

Dear Ms. Bilton:

Thank you for your recent collegiate application. I am pleased to advise you that your application has been approved to begin in the 2025/26 school year, pending completion and submission of the following conditions/requirements below:

Due to School Accreditation, Monitoring, and Print Services by **August 15, 2025**:

- A signed partnership agreement or current MOU with a post-secondary institution.

The collegiate proposal you submitted includes pathways for Human Health Services and Animal Health Services. The proposal you have submitted will empower students with the requisite skills and knowledge to excel in their chosen Health Services related careers.

Your application is eligible for up to \$0 in capital funding and up to \$210,000 in operational funding for a total of up to \$210,000 allocated towards the start-up expenses specific to collegiate programming as outlined in your application. Staff from the department will be reaching out to discuss details of your financial proposal, including specific deliverables, cash flow requirements and reporting obligations to finalize the funding approval of your collegiate school. Approved funds will be distributed prior to the 2025/26 school year.

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School authorities must continue to comply with all applicable legislation, policies and standards set by Alberta Education of their original school type, in addition to the requirements of the collegiate school.

Education staff are available to help as needed as you establish your collegiate. Any changes to your proposed collegiate school should be discussed with department staff.

For questions regarding collegiate programming, please contact, School Accreditation, Monitoring and Print Services at [edc.collegiateschools@gov.ab.ca](mailto:edc.collegiateschools@gov.ab.ca) or 780-422-9423 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

Thank you for your dedication to ensuring students in our province have every opportunity to succeed in a pathway of their choosing.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Demetrios Nicolaides', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Demetrios Nicolaides ECA PhD  
Minister of Education

cc: Kurt Sacher, Superintendent of Schools, The Chinook's Edge School Division  
Jackie Taylor, Executive Director, Central Alberta Collegiate Institute  
Nadeem Altaf, Treasurer/CFO, The Chinook's Edge School Division  
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