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Committee Chair and members,

During my time as an MLA, I have not formally requested access to any public schools in my electorate. There are a number of occasions where I believed that such access would be extremely helpful, but the advice that I received from staff and from other offices was that permission for that access would not be given by the Minister, so there was no point in even asking.

I also didn't wish to embarrass the schools in question by having them used as a 'political football' by the Minister.

When members of school communities have contacted me directly to discuss specific issues, I've either dealt with them one on one, or arranged for group meetings at non school locations, (my office, coffee shops or my home)

My access to non-Government schools has always been unfettered by this mechanism and it's been most helpful in regards my ability to engage with those communities.

The current rules regarding MLA's engagement with public schools seem designed to shut down any engagement particularly with opposition members.

Regards

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