To: All Superintendents of Schools, Independent School Authorities, 
MCFD Regional Executive Directors and Executive Directors of Delegated 
Aboriginal Agencies

Re: Joint Educational Planning and Support for Children and Youth in Care: 
Cross-Ministry Guidelines

We are pleased to provide you with a copy of “Joint Educational Planning and Support 
for Children and Youth in Care: Cross-Ministry Guidelines”.

The Ministry of Children and Family Development and the Ministry of Education are 
committed to the health and well-being of children and youth in care. Our common goal 
is to increase the resiliency of these young people so they can experience success. 
The Guidelines highlight the importance of joint planning and information sharing in 
order to improve educational experiences and outcomes for children and youth in care 
in our province.

Please share the guidelines with your staff and caregivers and support their 
implementation by encouraging those working directly with children and youth in care, 
and their families, to pay particular attention to meeting individual needs through 
collaboration, and close cooperation among all partners.

For Ministry of Children and Family Development and Delegated Aboriginal Agency 
staff, copies of this document are available online at: 

For school district staff, the document is available on the Ministry of Education Website 
at: http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/specialed/sped_res_docs.htm, scroll down to the 
Children and Youth in Care section. Print copies will be sent to all schools in the near 
future.

Sincerely,

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