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Dear Mayor MacLean:

Thank you for your letter of December 6, 2010, concerning the posted speed limits in school areas.

Recently, the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) published guidelines on the posting of speed limits in school and playground areas. Staff of my Department, and staff of the Halifax Regional Municipality, have jointly undertaken a review of school area speed limits and the application of the TAC Guidelines. The work on this project should be completed in the winter of 2011. I will review this matter once I have received a recommendation from staff.

As you may be aware, the Department undertook an initiative this fall to post signs stating that speed fines are double in school zone areas. We also offered these signs free of charge to all municipalities and there was an excellent response. We are hopeful that these signs will serve to reinforce the need for motorists to drive cautiously within school zones.

Thank you for your interest in improving road safety and the protection of the students of the province.

Sincerely,

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