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DSSAB Board Chairs

Good Afternoon,

Earlier this year, John Fleming held focussed discussion sessions with your organizations on key areas of District Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) governance and accountability. I am pleased to share a copy of Mr. Fleming's final report and communicate next steps.

Mr. Fleming's report notes that overall the system of governance within DSSABs is working well and that boards and municipalities can work together to respond to local needs and that any structural changes by the ministry could upset the collaborative system that exists now.

As you know, the ministry respects local decision-making and the ability of Boards and municipalities to resolve differences at the local level. As such, with the conclusion of the consultation process and after careful review, the ministry will maintain the current governance and conflict resolution framework for DSSABs and allow the moratorium on cost apportionment to expire on January 1, 2020.

To further support the effective governance of DSSABs, we will work with you and our partner ministries in 2020 to finalize the DSSAB Accountability and Governance guidelines and explore other opportunities to support transparency and accountability of the Boards and ensure they are supported and functioning well.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your participation in the engagement process and for your ongoing support in matters related to DSSAB governance and accountability. Please share this information with your members and district members.

If you have any questions, please feel to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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