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Mr. Sauvageau:

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has required New Brunswick to navigate an immensely challenging and unprecedented time in our province's history. As such, I wish to thank you for your willingness to offer such valuable recommendations on behalf of the Federation of New Brunswick Faculty Associations.

Adapting to this new reality requires the guidance of leading research and recognized best practices as New Brunwickers find ways to pivot the operations of business and attempts to co-create innovative and strategic solutions positioning our province for long term success. What remains clear is that our post-secondary institutions, such as our universities, will continue to play a key role in leading and assisting our collaborative efforts moving forward.

As Minister responsible for Post-Secondary Education in our province, gaining access to the leading expertise embedded within our post-secondary institutions remains a priority.

With unprecedented times comes the offerings of unique opportunities. This pandemic is providing students, the leaders of tomorrow, the chance to step up, showcase their talents and access their skills in ways that they could have never imagined possible! Their engagement will further enhance our efforts as we enter the recovery phase. The shared leadership demonstrated by faculty and students is welcomed to help rebuild an even stronger economy for New Brunswick for future generations.

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On behalf of Premier Blaine Higgs as well as my colleagues, your recommendations will be taken into consideration and we look forward to continuing to work with you, your members and students in the future.

Sincerely,



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