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**Subject:** Exemption from Authentication Standard for Ministry of Education's Student Information System (ref: 99963)

Dear James:

The Ministry of Education request for exemption from the IM/IT Standard, *Section 6.4 Government Authentication Standard* for the new Student Information System is approved, allowing you to provide online services to parents and students with ministry-specific identity verification processes and application-specific user accounts of the new Student Information System alongside the use of BC Services Card. This exemption is subject to the following conditions:

1. Using and encouraging the use of the BC Services Card and its authentication service when it is available as a production service;
2. Reviewing the OCIO Identity Assurance Standards, documenting your ministry's approach to identity verification and credential issuance of SIS accounts, and submitting to the OCIO Architecture and Standards Branch for review 3 months before implementation;
3. Working closely with the Provincial IDIM Program and OCIO Architecture and Standards Branch on implementation planning, identity architecture, cards for children, stakeholder communications, etc., over the next year;
4. Completing a Security Threat Risk Assessment and Privacy Impact Assessment for your project before the launch of its services;
5. Reviewing your approach and results with OCIO Architecture and Standards Branch annually after implementation, to understand the adoption rates of user identities and discuss areas of improvement; and,
6. The exemption is valid until February 2018 at which time the BC Services Card should be fully available for BC parents and students and the SIS user accounts could be migrated to the BC Services Card and disabled. When this exemption expires, the ministry may apply for another exemption if there is continued need for non-standard user identity services.

If you have any questions on the above exemption or the conditions under which it is granted, please contact Patricia Wiebe, Director, Architecture and Standards at 250-387-6818 or by email at [Patricia.Wiebe@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Patricia.Wiebe@gov.bc.ca).

Regards,

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