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Dear students and teachers:

This fall will mark the centennial of the Armistice that brought the First World War to an end. I've launched a program called SPIRIT of Peace to encourage young Albertans to learn about the men and women from their communities who served throughout the war, either in uniform or as leaders on the home front. The First World War brought significant change to every Alberta community. This is an opportunity for students to explore local museums and engage with local historians, unfold what the era meant for your home town and create a multimedia presentation that captures the legacies of those who served and who hoped for peace.

I'm inviting all Alberta students in Grades 10-12 to take part in the SPIRIT of Peace contest. I'd also ask teachers to share this information with your students and with other young people in your lives who have a passion for history. While I'm aware that this school year is drawing to a close, I'm sending you this information now so that everyone has ample time to learn about the program before the October 26, 2018 submission deadline.

We will be awarding three prizes, including a first prize of \$1,000, a second prize of \$500 and a third prize of \$250. Contest details and useful links to support your explorations are available at www.historyandheroes.ca. A downloadable contest poster is available on the site and we'd also be happy to provide hard copies as needed. Questions about the contest can be directed to my office at ltgov@gov.ab.ca or Brian Roach at 780-427-8308.

I encourage everyone to take part and I look forward to hearing the stories of your hometown heroes!

Sincerely yours,

Lois E. Mitchell

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