



**READINESS TO DEFEND FORM**  
**Master of Education Program**  
**University of Lethbridge**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The Supervisor, the External Examiner and each member of the Thesis Examination Committee are required to complete this assessment of the thesis and submit it to the Graduate Studies and Research in Education Office at least two (2) weeks prior to the date of the examination. The assessment is CONFIDENTIAL and must not be made available to the student or to other members of the Examination Committee prior to the final decision on the Thesis. In cases where the reports are negative, the Assistant Dean, Graduate Studies and Research in Education shall consult with the Supervisor to decide whether the examination should proceed as scheduled. **This form is a recommendation on the student's readiness to defend the thesis.**

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read the thesis and my assessment is as follows:

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