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Chairman: Thank you, Mr. Mikkungwak. Ms. Okpik.

Ms. Okpik (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) It is proposal-based. Just to give you an idea, we have four early childhood officers across Nunavut; one in the Kitikmeot, one in the Kivalliq, and two in the Baffin. They assist with these applications. They review them. The school community counsellor or the principal can assist if there is an application. Where you will see a lot of students who are attending school, it's most likely in a daycare that's attached to school because they're given first preference.

Just to let you know, here is the eligibility, and we had changed it over the last while. In order for the candidate to be eligible, they must have a satisfactory attendance and have evidence of satisfactory progress in school, and submit an application form signed by the school community counsellor or the principal, so that's who helps them facilitate this. They would sign an agreement to attend full time and to commit to progressing in their studies, and then prepare a letter of why the subsidy is important to them. They have to be enrolled in a full-time program of study for middle or high school in Nunavut or be under the age of 18 and enrolled in a full-time post-secondary study program in Nunavut. They have to be the parent or the legal guardian of one of more of the children needing care, and they must not receive a current daycare user subsidy funded by the Department of Family Services or a regional Inuit association, which is responsible for the

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