



VICTOR SAMMURTOK SCHOOL

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*Smaller communities
with fewer children
will keep on losing
teachers based
on the formula*

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Minister of Education, Honorable David Joanasié
The Legislative Assembly of Nunavut
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RE: Extra Teacher Victor Sammurtok School:

Attention: The Honorable David Joanasié – Minister of Education:

This is a formal request to acquire extra teacher on staff at *Victor Sammurtok School* in Chesterfield Inlet. The DEA and our teachers care deeply about our school, and student's quality of education. We are requesting to get extra teacher on staff due to more students' enrollment school this year and next following 2019 in a school environment to coach 'GENERAL' or 'ACADEMIC' programmes both in Elementary and Senior High. We would like to get additional teacher on staff to coach – 'Math, English, Science, Social Studies', and 'other critical programmes' to work and coordinate with students and staff. Student's education is important and only tool to student's success to gain knowledge to enroll or have the opportunity to pursue in *College/ University* with confidence. We would like to work and coordinate with staff more closely in terms as student's curriculum programmes/ student's quality of education that will be relevant to any COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY preparation programmes.

This would give more one-on-one class support / tutor to students with extra Guidance/ who are in need of extra assistance with curriculum programs; with added specialist teachers to enhance every student's learning experience with career opportunity or to succeed in their quality of education. Up to date, our school education system with students presently been failing in their studies with current situation in our school curriculum, perhaps following school year mainly without extra coach on staff due to cutbacks 2018, which will sincerely affect our students quality of education and staff.

Our school presently employs nine teachers plus principal; and half-time cultural instructor (1) presently (under DEA budget). With extra staff this will take workload off of our existing team members to work and tutor our students who are in need of assistance, and falling behind with their education (*see current CED Plan Report – Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet, 2013, and 2018*). With added staff this will help enrich and enhance students learning in our school system and our students EDUCATION with more flexibility of providing quality EDUCATION needed. We believe in philosophy of quality educating to students, and its' important to our staff to give us extra tools in our EDUCATION system to ASSIT, and GUIDE a child for a lifetime of achievements with opportunity of success, and to open-up obstacles with knowledge, skills or confidence in POST-SECONDARY preparation such as College or University programmes.

The *Chesterfield Inlet District Education Authority* is requesting from the *Department of Education*, Government of Nunavut to support, and provide extra teaching coach to work/ coordinate both students and staff at our Victor Sammurtok School. We look forward to your generous response. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Kreegak,
Chesterfield Inlet DEA Chairperson

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