

September 17, 2025

Dear MLA Karen Nutarak,

We hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing to you on behalf of Ulaajuk Elementary School in Pond Inlet to express our deep concern about the growing issue of food insecurity in our community and the impact it is having on our students. As you know, many families in our territory face significant barriers to accessing affordable, nutritious food, and this reality extends into our classrooms every day.

Our school food program plays a vital role in supporting students' health, attendance, and ability to learn. For many of our students, meals provided at school are some of the most reliable nourishment they receive. Unfortunately, our program is currently stretched beyond its capacity, and without additional funding support, we are at risk of not being able to meet our students' basic needs.

We are reaching out to ask for your help in advocating for and securing sustainable food supports for our school. Whether through territorial programs, partnerships with local or regional organizations, or increased funding, we believe this issue urgently needs to be addressed at a systems level.

As our MLA and a respected voice for Tununig, your support would mean a great deal. You understand the unique challenges of living in the North, and we are hopeful that you can help bring attention to the importance of ensuring no child in our community goes hungry at school.

We would be more than happy to provide further information about our current food program and the specific needs we are facing. We also welcome the opportunity to meet and speak with you more directly.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students, families, and educators. We will miss you at your office as you have your final meeting with the Legislative. Thanks for all your support over the years

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