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October 23, 2018

Geraldine Kreelak, Chairperson
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RE: Extra Teacher at Victor Sammurtok School

Dear Ms. Kreelak,

Thank you for your letter dated October 10, 2018 in which you request an additional teaching position allotted to the Chesterfield Inlet District Education Authority. The Department understands the importance of providing adequate teaching resources to all schools to enable them to provide coaching in courses such as Math, English, Science and Social Studies. The Department continues to commend the efforts of the staff of Victor Sammurtok School for delivering these services to students in Chesterfield Inlet.

Unfortunately, we regret that we are unable to grant your request at this time. However, in support of the concerns raised by many DEAs, the Department is reviewing the student-educator ratio (SER) and funding formula. We understand the limitations that reside within the current methodology. We are improving the system to benefit all schools in Nunavut. The Department has taken steps to consult with all stakeholders and expects to move forward with an updated formula for cabinet approval in the near future.

If you require further explanation or information, please contact Ibrahim Suleiman, Controller, Financial Operations at (867) 975-5636 or isuleiman@gov.nu.ca.

Sincerely,


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