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RE: Two Extra Teacher's ENGLISH & ACADEMIC's (Learning Coach) at Victor Sammurtok School:

Attention: Cathy Towtongie – MLA Rankin Inlet North & Chesterfield Inlet:

This is a formal request for two extra teachers on staff at *Victor Sammurtok School* in Chesterfield Inlet. The DEA is requesting for *English Teacher* and *Learning Coach* (Academic) teacher on staff due to more student's enrolled August 2021, in a school environment to coach both programmes in Elementary and Senior High. We would like our school to add 2 Extra Certified Teacher's to coach – *English, Math, Science, Social Studies, and other critical programmes* to work and coordinate with staff and students. The student's education in our school is important and only tool to student's success to gain opportunity to enroll/ chance to apply *College or University* with confidence. We would like to work and coordinate with staff more closely in terms as student's ACADEMIC curriculum programmes/ student's education that is relevant to COLLEGE or UNIVERSITY preparation programmes.

This would give more one-on-one class support / tutor for students with extra Guidance/ who need assistance with curriculum program; with added specialist in ENGLISH or ACADEMIC teachers to enhance every student's learning experience with career opportunity/ to succeed in their education. Up to date, our school education system of students presently been failing in their studies with current situation in our school, mainly without extra ENGLISH and ACADEMIC Teachers on staff, which will sincerely affect our school education, and staff. Our school presently employs eight teachers plus principal: and half-time cultural instructors (1-2) presently (under DEA budget).

With extra certified staff's this will take workload off from our existing team members to tutor our students who need assistance and falling behind with their education (*see current CED Plan Report – Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet, 2013, and 2018*). With extra Certified Academic Teachers this will help enrich, and enhance learning in our school system, and students EDUCATION with more flexibility of providing quality EDUCATION required. We believe in philosophy of educating students is vital, and important to our staff to give us extra tools in our EDUCATION system to assist and guide a child for a lifetime of achievements with opportunity of success, to open-up obstacles with knowledge, skills, and confidence in post-secondary preparation i.e., College or University programmes.

Therefore, the *District Education Authority* is requesting two extra certified teachers in **ENGLISH**, and **ACADEMIC** Teacher from the *Department of Education*, Government of Nunavut to provide, and support two extra teaching coach to coordinate both students, and staff at Victor Sammurtok School. We look forward to your generous response. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Minister of Education, Honorable David Joanase, The Legislative Assembly of Nunavut P.O. Box 1200, 926 Federal Road
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