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Dear Mr. Krutko:

We the students of Aurora College in Fort McPherson need your help. There is an urgent need to review the way childcare subsidy (Babysitting allowance) is currently being handled and delivered to adult students with children attending Aurora College in Fort McPherson.

At present single mothers are waiting much to long for the above subsidy. Up to five students have yet to receive any funding for December. As a result these students have chosen to withdraw from school to look after their children. Had funding been in place and delivered in a timely manner to these students either through a local organisation like Gwichin Education and Training or Community Income Support the above students would still be in school.

Simply put its taking to long (4-6 weeks) to get paid from the government. Students lose their babysitters and the school loses students. At present everything is being handled out of Inuvik, this is where change is needed. We propose the following;

Funding that would go to the students to pay the babysitters be administered and delivered locally through either Income Support or Gwichin Education and Training. Students are to be paid on a bi-weekly basis (Every second Thursday). The above in place would make it a lot easier on everyone.

We must do all that we can to keep our future leaders in school. We trust you will take our concerns seriously and do all possible to ensure a favourable outcome.

Should you require further information we can be reached by calling 867 952 2559 or through the postal address enclosed.

Sincerely,

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