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Mr. Abe Araya
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Dear Mr. Araya:

I am responding to your September 8, 2020 letter in which you requested that Manitoba government proclaim 2020 School Support Staff Recognition Week.

I am pleased to inform you that September 28 to October 2, 2020 has been selected as School Support Staff Recognition Week. A proclamation is enclosed. Copies of the proclamation will be distributed to Superintendents of School Divisions, Principals of Funded Independent Schools, Directors of First Nations Education Authorities and Student Services Administrators.

We appreciate the opportunity to assist your organization in raising awareness of the many services that school support staff provide to students and schools across Manitoba. It is our hope that the observance of School Support Staff Recognition Week in Manitoba will provide educators, parents and community members with many opportunities to acknowledge and thank school support staff for the valuable role they play in schools, and in the functioning of Manitoba's education system.

On behalf of Manitoba government, thank you for your interest in encouraging Manitobans to recognize and appreciate school support staff for their important contribution to students and schools in Manitoba.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kelvin Goertzen", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Kelvin Goertzen

Attachment