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The Honourable Kelvin Goertzen  
Minister of Education  
Room 168 Legislative Building  
450 Broadway  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
R3C 0V8

Dear Minister:

**RE: 2020 SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK**

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We are writing to you to ask your government to once again proclaim *School Support Staff Recognition Week*.

School Support Staff Recognition Week provides an opportunity for educators, parents, students, and the community to celebrate and recognize the incredible contributions school support staff provide to our education system.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown even more so the incredible importance of our school support staff in keeping our children safe, as well as maintaining a high quality education for our students. School support staff in Manitoba have gone above and beyond during these challenging times and are even more worthy of recognition.

Traditionally the week is proclaimed during the last week of September. We leave it to your office to determine which week can be proclaimed this year.

We look forward to your reply, and as always, we are available for further discussion.

Sincerely,



**ABE ARAYA**  
**CUPE MANITOBA PRESIDENT**  
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Sincerely,



**RICK PESCHEL**  
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