Mr. Ron Ensom  
Coalition on Physical Punishment  
of Children and Youth  
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Dear Mr. Ensom,

On behalf of the Kativik School Board, I would like to extend our support for the *Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth*.

This document offers very compelling and decisive support about the need to develop positive, non-physical alternatives to disciplining our children and youth. The Kativik School Board of Nunavik agrees whole-heartedly that physical punishment plays no useful role in the upbringing and development of children. We are especially interested in pursuing and assisting a public awareness campaign to inform all Quebeckers and Canadians of this critically important issue.

This endorsement represents Nunavik’s hope that this statement will provide the basis for much needed change. It is our firm belief that physical punishment is not constructive, valuable or effective.
Nunavik’s education system is founded on proactive fostering of children’s awareness and responsibility for their behaviour and creating positive school environments using codes of conduct based on principles of respect and collective expectations about what respects “looks like” and “sounds like” in schools. We offer training at our board on Positive Behaviour Interventions and Support (P.B.I.S) as well as on trauma-informed schools.

It is our privilege to join the many municipal, national and international organizations and individuals in the endorsement of this important document. Many thanks for your dedication and passion to end physical punishment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Annie Popen
Director General