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Ron Ensom, MSW, RSW / for  
Coalition on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth  
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To Ron Ensom,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Pirurvik Preschool Society, as well as the staff of the Pirurvik Preschool, we are pleased to submit this endorsement of the CHEO **Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth**.

The Pirurvik Preschool is passionate about providing a high-quality early childhood education grounded in Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, which supports children's development as a whole person. We are dedicated to children's wellness, and we are proud to add our name to the list of endorsers of this significant document.

Children have the right to grow, thrive and live a full life. Children who experience violence are often silenced, and they have a right to be heard. By advocating for children's rights through meaningful early childhood educational opportunities, we also hope to advocate for family wellness. Parents are the first and most important educator in a child's life, and it is the health of the family that will support the health of the community. We believe that the **Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth** will be a significant step in providing support to families in order to promote the health of our communities, and to Society at large.

It is the responsibility of government to fulfill these basic rights, and we strongly encourage the government to follow through at this critical moment in time.

Sincerely,

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