

TEMPLATE – LETTER FROM SCHOOL INVITING MP TO VISIT

Dear <Name> ,

We are writing to invite you to join us at a “Bring your MP to School Day” event in your riding, at <school name>, between November 13 – 17. Our students and staff would welcome this opportunity to celebrate National Child Day 2017 with you.

As you may know, National Child Day was officially declared with the *Child Day Act* in 1993 to honour the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. “Bring your MP to School Day” is a UNICEF Canada initiative to commemorate National Child Day and ensure that children’s voices, concerns and interests enjoy meaningful attention from Parliamentarians.

As the youngest Canadian citizens, our students want MPs to know that they are interested in a dialogue with their representatives in Parliament. “Bring your MP to School Day” is an opportunity to engage in a meaningful discussion and learn from each other. Engaging with children and youth – about a quarter of the population – can help inform decisions you make that affect this often vulnerable but non-voting population. This event also advances the civic education of Canada’s youngest citizens.

Our school would like to discuss the potential to host a one-hour visit by our MP to celebrate National Child Day and bring Parliament to children and youth in our community. Please do let us know if you would be interested in participating and, if so, some possible dates and times when you would be available in the week of 13 -17 November.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries please contact <insert contact details here>. This initiative is led by UNICEF Canada, and you can find more information at www.unicef.ca/ncd.

Many thanks from all of us.

<School Name>

