

TEMPLATE – LETTER FROM MP TO SCHOOL

Dear <School Name>,

I am writing to invite you to join me in celebrating National Child Day 2016 through UNICEF Canada's nationwide initiative, "Bring your MP to School Day". To participate in this initiative, I would welcome the opportunity to visit your school between the 7th and 11th of November.

National Child Day has been celebrated in Canada since it 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.

"Bring your MP to School Day" is an opportunity for our youngest citizens and their community's elected representative in Parliament to engage in a meaningful discussion and learn from each other. Engaging with children and youth – about a quarter of the population – helps inform decisions that affect this often vulnerable but non-voting population, and advances the civic education of Canada's young people.

As the Member of Parliament for <insert riding name here>, I would be pleased to offer your school a one-hour visit during the week of November 7 – 11 to celebrate National Child Day and "bring Parliament to children and youth". I hope that this event will promote dialogue and understanding and help me to take action to promote the well-being of all constituents in our community.

Please let me know if you would be interested in holding such an event at your school and, if so, some possible dates available in the week of 7 - 11 November. UNICEF Canada offers tips and resources to facilitate this event, at www.unicef.ca/ncd.

I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries please contact <insert contact details here>.

Sincerely,

< Name >

MP Office