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To the Hon. Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Affairs
Mr. W.S. Smith
Administration Building
Clem Labega Square
Philipsburg

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Philipsburg, August 19, 2019

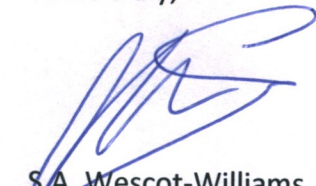
Re: Request from MP T.E. Leonard regarding permanent budget post (public) school meal program

Hon. Minister Smith,

Herewith I submit to you a request from Member of Parliament, Ms. T.E. Leonard pursuant to article 62 of the Constitution and article 69 of the Rules of Order of the Parliament of Sint Maarten.

The letter is self-explanatory.

Yours truly,



S.A. Wescot-Williams
President of Parliament



Tamara Leonard

Member of the Parliament of
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Philipsburg, Tuesday August 13th 2019

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Honorable Chairlady,

Recently Parliament approved Government's 2019 budget. This budget was approved with a budget amendment for a pilot meal program for public schools for the period of August to December 2019.

It is for this reason that I am submitting a letter to the Minister of Finance requesting him to consider creating a permanent budget post on the budget of the Ministry of Education Culture Youth & Sport specifically for meal programs for our public schools.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Respectfully,

Ms. Tamara E. Leonard
Member of Parliament

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**Member of the Parliament of
Sint Maarten**

**Mr. P. Geerlings
Honorable Minister of Finance
Government of St. Maarten
Pond Island**

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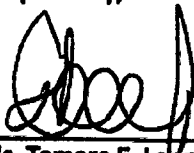
Honorable Minister Geerlings,

Recently Parliament approved Government's 2019 budget. This budget was approved with a budget amendment for a pilot meal program for public schools for the first half of the 2019-2020 school year. Calculations for this meal program were done based on research that showed that each public school has an average of 40 students who attend school everyday on an empty stomach. As you are aware, with the budget amendment, monies were put aside on the 2019 budget for the period of August to December 2019.

Minister, knowing that the Ministry of Finance is currently working hard on the 2020 budget, I would like to kindly request you to consider creating a permanent budget post on the budget of the Ministry of Education Culture Youth & Sport specifically for meal programs for our public schools. This budget post can be added for a period of for example 4 years, and evaluated after.

I look forward to a prompt, yet comprehensive and clean response to my questions.

Respectfully,



**Ms. Tamara E. Leonard
Member of Parliament**

Cc. the Honorable Minister ECYS