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Ms. Beth Halford Manager, Strategic Partnerships Agriculture For Life 32 Priddis Creek Drive Foothills AB T0L 1W2

Dear Ms. Halford:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Classroom Agricultural Program (CAP). I appreciate the opportunity to recognize the ongoing efforts of Agriculture for Life and CAP to inform Grades 4 and 5 students about the role agriculture plays in their daily lives.

Agriculture is an integral part of Alberta's past, present, and future, and I recognize the need to ensure students across the province have an opportunity to learn about this vital sector of our economy that literally puts food on our plates.

The agricultural knowledge and experience of your program's volunteers and partners provides a rich educational experience for Grade 4 and 5 students across Alberta.

Alberta school authorities and teachers are responsible for selecting and approving the resources that are used in the classroom, and I am pleased that programs such as CAP are available to them to support student learning.

Ms. Halford, please accept my best wishes for continued success this school year.

Best,

Demetrios Nicolaides ECA PhD

Minister of Education