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Mr. W. Smith
Honorable Minister of Education
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Philipsburg, Tuesday August 13th 2019

Subject: school meal Program project/pilot,

Honorable Chairlady,

Recently Government's 2019 budget was approved in Parliament. 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.

By means of this letter I would like to enquire from the Honorable Minister of Education if any preparations have been made since the approval of the budget to execute this pilot program. More specifically I would like to request answers to the following questions:

- 1) Will this pilot program start simultaneously with the start of the new school year?
- 2) Has the schools been contacted to provide the relevant information or the Division of Public Education already have this information for all its Public schools?
- 3) Will a committee consisting of persons representing the schools and government spearhead this pilot program, or will this pilot program be spearheaded by only representatives of the Ministry?
- 4) Has a plan already been put in place to not only execute this meal program but also evaluate the need, cost and efficiency of such such a program looking at the fact that the Ministry of Finance is currently preparing the 2020 budget?

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

Respectfully,

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