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## Member of the Parliament of Sint Maarten

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Philipsburg, Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> 2019

Subject: request to the Minister of Finance for a permanent budget post for a (public) school meal program

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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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Leonard', is written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Tamara E. Leonard  
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Cc. the Honorable Minister ECYS