

I am writing regarding the school enrollment needs of \_\_\_\_\_. Their family is known to me in my role of \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_. As you know, attending school is the right of all children in Canada (including refugees) and key to their emotional and developmental well-being. For newcomer children, studies show that the sooner they can attend school, the better they are able to integrate into their new homes, which translates to better overall development and outcomes.

The family informed me that \_\_\_\_\_ has been declined school enrollment due to a misunderstanding regarding their permanent address. Due to the current lack of affordable and appropriate housing in Canada, refugees are often placed in temporary housing such as hotel settings or shelters while their settlement worker locates more appropriate long-term accommodations. \_\_\_\_\_ and their family are currently living in temporary housing at \_\_\_\_\_. There is, unfortunately, no end date to their current accommodation. Therefore, while it is technically temporary housing, it should be considered this family's permanent address and used for school registration.

As you can imagine, living in temporary housing creates an exceptionally challenging environment for a child to learn and thrive. Therefore, I hope you can prioritize the resolution of this child's school registration so the family and child can start having some sense of normalcy as new Canadians.