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To: Nalini Vaddapalli,

I am writing to you regarding the Upinnaqtua Award for students and youth. I teach Grade 6 at Kullik Ilihakvik Elementary School. I would like to nominate a student in my class, for this award. Her name is Lia Dimitruk.

Lia has shown such growth in all of 8 Principles of Inuit Qaujimjatuqangit since the beginning of the school year. For Inuuqatigiitsiarniq, she has respected others in the school and developed her relationships with her classmates. She demonstrates the principle of Tunnganarniq, by being kind to all students. For Pijitsirniq, she serves her family by taking on daily chores, such as walking the family dog at lunch time. Regarding Aajiiqatigiinni, she contributes ideas in class to help find a solution. She demonstrates the principle of Pilimmaksarniq/Pijariuqsarniq by practicing and giving one hundred percent of her effort in everything she does. For Piliriqatigiinni/Ikajuqtiigiinni she enjoys working together as a team to accomplish a goal. For example, she worked on the Grade 6 northern lights mural for our Moving Up ceremony at the end of the year. She enjoys working together for a common cause. Regarding Qanuqtuurniq, she always has suggestions or opinions on what we can do in the classroom. I like to ask for input from students on what they enjoy learning and doing. Lia always has ideas she likes to share and is very accepting of the ideas from others. She is very collaborative. Finally, she demonstrates Avatittinnik Kamatsiarniq, through her artwork. She is a very talented artist and many of her art pieces include animals, the land, or the environment.

I am so proud of how Lia has embodied the 8 Principles of Inuit Qaujimjatuqangit.

Please contact me for any further information.

Sincerely,



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