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Dear Kaisha Hirji:

Thank you for the continued efforts of Agriculture for Life in delivering the Classroom Agriculture Program (CAP) to Alberta students. I am pleased to recognize the program's milestone of reaching more than 620,000 grade four and five students since its inception in 1985. This remarkable achievement speaks to the dedication of your team and volunteers.

Helping young Albertans understand where food comes from and the role agriculture plays in their lives is an important part of building a well-informed and engaged society. The CAP's interactive, volunteer-led approach – using storytelling, props and hands-on activities – offers students a memorable introduction to Alberta's agricultural landscape. These experiences help foster respect for the farmers, ranchers and producers who make food production possible and highlight the importance of preserving the land and resources that support it.

CAP also connects students with real-world agriculture and the broader issues that shape the industry. Through its presentations, students explore the immediate value of agriculture to Alberta's economy and employment, both in primary production and in support sectors.

Students gain an appreciation for food processing, land stewardship, soil conservation and learn how agriculture contributes to Canadian lifestyles, including innovations such as pharmaceuticals derived from cattle byproducts. These insights help students understand the complexity and relevance of agriculture in their everyday lives, while also introducing them to the wide spectrum of career opportunities the sector offers.

The consistent reach of CAP over the past 40 years is a testament to its relevance and value. Teachers continue to welcome the program into their classrooms, recognizing its positive impact on their students' learning and awareness.

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Thank you again for your commitment to agricultural education. I wish Agriculture for Life continued success with this program in the 2025-2026 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RJ Sigurdson', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Honourable RJ Sigurdson
Minister, Agriculture and Irrigation