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Dear Mr. Goldberg:

On behalf of the Government of Israel, the Ministry of Education wishes to thank you, North American Jewish Leadership, and in particular the Jewish Federations of North America, for its unwavering support of Ethiopian-Israelis through its support of the Ethiopian National Project.

Further to the work plan drafted by the Ministry of Education following the adoption of the "New Way" Initiative, and due to the success of the Ethiopian National Project in the provision of holistic scholastic assistance through its SPACE program, at time of writing, the Ministry of Education respectfully requests Federations match the sum of at least 12 million NIS per year for four years to the Ethiopian National Project, as part of the Government and Diaspora Jewry's shared efforts to comprehensively address the needs of Ethiopian-Israeli citizens, in accordance with the Governmental decision that created this joint endeavor between Israel and Diaspora Jewry.

Assuming matching funds from Federations, some 6,000 children will be served annually by ENP SPACE Scholastic Assistance in 2016-17 through 2020 in an integrated program that will meet the needs of Ethiopia-born and Israeli-born Ethiopian-Israelis and their non-Ethiopian-Israeli peers. Due to the nature of its partnership and by law, as you are aware, Governmental funds will not be available to ENP without the Diaspora match.

In addition, the Ministry of Education plans to invest a further 53,000,000 NIS annually to execute a range of programs that will benefit various educational needs of the Ethiopian-Israeli community, including language instruction, teacher training, army preparation, youth group participation, study skills training, excellence and more, to be executed directly by the individual departments of the Ministry of Education or vis a vis other implementers.

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Regrettably, there are insufficient governmental funds to include all children in need of SPACE, despite its proven success. For this reason the Government of Israel respectfully requests Federations consider matching the supplemental Israeli governmental investment of 26.5 million NIS, so that among other things, ENP can reach all 12,000 Ethiopian-Israeli children in need of ENP SPACE. In doing so, this historic investment by Diaspora Jewry in the education of these immigrants and their children- who are in Israel in large part thanks to your generosity- will enable ENP to comprehensively address the holistic needs of nearly every child identified as requiring this critical intervention, and likely curtail the need for continued substantial investment in the future at such funding levels.

The Government of Israel is grateful for North American Jewry's role in assisting in the aliyah, absorption and integration of this remarkable community. We are confident, through this focused intervention on the pressing educational needs of the community, that your participation will result not only in the community's fullest integration into Israeli society, but in a payback many times greater—an integrated Israel that is a light unto the nations, with a thriving and prospering immigrant community that is an example for all.

With respect,

**Naftali Bennett**  
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