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Local Education Authority,
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Sanikiluaq, N.W.T.
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Territorial Council,
Yellowknife, N.W.T.
c/o Moses Appaqaq Jr.
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The Local Education Authority of Sanikiluaq had very strong thoughts about Cultural Inclusion money being decreased for the year 1980-81. For the past few years the L.E.A. have had very good programs with the Children in School in doing the ways of the Inuit from the way past years, and the children have really enjoyed doing the programs and don't intend to stop now. In the past years we have been given money to do these things which have taught the children great amount of skill to our school children, we also have had problems towards the money in doing the programs, not because of the children, mainly because of the money being so tight when we still have months ahead in doing programs. We have had to cut down programs because of the money being too small. The L.E.A. looked hard of the programs we had had in the past years and now seeing to the future on the 1980-81 money we will have just enough money to pay for the Honoriums, which dose, not look too good at all because the money given to us is to be used for teaching children. We have looked forward to see the Cultural Inclusion being increased, not decreased. The L.E.A. of Sanikiluaq would very much appreciate it if you would look hard towards the Cultural Inclusion money and look to the future of the Inuit Children. We are looking forward to see the Cultural Inclusion being increased, not decreased.



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I as a Secretary Treasurer have worked for L.E.A. for the past few years and have had to do lots with them, I have tried to work hard for them and tried to be a good Secretary to them, when I have always known that I won't make much money in a year but that's not the important to me, what's important to me is seeing that the school children are being taught of our Ancestors and learn as much as they can about them while they're still young in School. It is very important to me that the children that they have interest in the ways of their Ancestors, which they have very much interest now. I also have gone through the money problems with the L.E.A. and their programs. It is very hard for me to accept that they have decreased the money for Cultural Inclusion. I have looked forward to the future with the money being increased to do better programs. We have used the money given to us wisely for the thought of the children and their future. I would very much appreciate it if you would look into the money you're giving to us and try to see the important of the use. I also would like to say that it was, not the L.E.A. who thought of the programs at the first place, we never asked for it now it is time for you to think and make good discussion towards it. I want better programs and I want them to get even better in the future for the sake of the children growing up. We did, not think about such things when the money was given to us now it is for them to see that we get more money for doing their ideas at the first place. Thank You very much for letting us having to say to you!

Caroline Meeko. Sec/Treasurer. L.E.A.
Johnny Tookalook. L.E.A. Chairman.

cc. G. Oliver
R. Brown
L.E.A.

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These are the thoughts of the L.E.A. in Sanikiluaq, N.W.T. We hope that you
 understand what they're saying and hope that you will make a good discussion
 towards the Cultural Inclusion money for the future.
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LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

SANIKILUAQ, N.W.T.

The Local Education Authority of Sanikiluaq, N.W.T. wrote their own thoughts towards Cultural Inclusion money being decreased for year 1980-81.

1. We are usually short of money for education purposes. We would like an increase in the budget so that we can continue our cultural inclusion program.

Isaac Amitook,
L.E.A. Councillor.

2. We would like an increase in the budget for continuing the cultural inclusion program.

Lucassie Kattuk,
L.E.A. Vice-Chairman.

3. We would like an increase in the budget for continuing the cultural inclusion program so that students could be taught hunting, Inuktitut, and English without the L.E.A. having to struggle for funds. Government should not cut the budget for cultural inclusion.

Johnassie Iqalug,
L.E.A. Councillor.

4. I think students should be taught how to hunt, camping, the names of places and plants, the weather, the old ways of living, how to build igloos and how to survive on their own. For these reasons I don't want a cut-back in our budget for education. The girls must be taught how to sew.

Noah Arragutainaq,
L.E.A. Councillor.

5. I don't agree with the budget cut-backs for cultural inclusion. I have children who will be attending the cultural inclusion program. We have been told that the budget for this program is being discussed and might either be increased or decreased. If they are not going to increase the budget, the children might as well not attend school. The money that the communities now receive from government are no longer enough. We should be consulted before the government decides how much money we are going to get. As the enrolment increases, the funding should also increase.

Samson Meeko,
L.E.A. Councillor.

6. The money allotted in the 1979-80 fiscal year wasn't sufficient; it did not cover all the programs we intended to carry out. Funds for 1980 will probably be insufficient due to increasing enrolment and inflation. The \$150,000 should be given back to the committee.

Johnny Tookalook,
L.E.A. Chairman.

7. The money allotted for 1979 was not enough. As a result students were idle during the spring and summer months after having been out on the land during the winter months. This was very inconvenient to students and their instructors. For the fiscal year 1980 we would like the funds to be increased for this program.

Our children today are forgetting our culture. In order for our young people to be able to practice our old way of living, they must be taught in this program. The young people will be very frustrated if they don't know how to survive by themselves and there is no one to give them assistance. As it is right now whenever the money runs out they are idle. When their elders are no longer around, they will have to learn to survive by themselves. If they don't know how to survive, they will suffer as they are spoiled by the conveniences available to them that we didn't have. They have never face threats of starvation or harsh weather; all they do today is attend school.

Shovia Eyaituq,
L.E.A. Councillor.

These are the thoughts of the L.E.A. in Sanikiluaq, N.W.T. We hope that you understand what they are saying and hope that you will make a good discussion towards the Cultural Inclusion money for the future.

Thank you again,

Caroline Meeko,
L.E.A. Secretary/Treasurer,
Sanikiluaq, N.W.T.

Please consult us before any
decisions are made concerning us.

Sanikiluaq, N.W.T.

The Local Education Authority in Sanikiluaq is very upset because funding for school programs in the N.W.T. has not been increased. The funds should be increased because of the increased student enrolment and the increased costs of materials. L.E.A.'s cannot carry out the programs they intended without the government's assistance. The Inuit will not forget the promises the government made to provide sufficient assistance. Even when the government breaks its promises will continue to remind them of the promises they made. We would like the government education officials to keep in mind that we will not give up our hopes without a fight for them to keep the promises they made.

Although there are six classrooms in Sanikiluaq, there is still not enough classroom space for the students. There is no school bus to transport the students; as a result, students are being transported by skidoo. Transportation should really be handled by the education authorities. Although we could use a school bus, we do not have enough money to provide this transportation.

There are a number of activities that local education authorities would like to carry out but they have never been able to because there has never been enough money. Programs such as various school activities, hunting, igloo building, sewing, technical training, land familiarization, studying animal behaviour and tracking, winter survival, soapstone carving cannot be carried out. All these programs can't be conducted because the government does not provide enough money.

Another reason why the funding should be increased is because of inflation rates. We would also like to recommend that the amount of money being spent on experimental programs should be decreased and that money for education programs should be increased in the N.W.T.

We would like you to consider our suggestions very seriously.

Thank you.