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Mr. Chris Reid,  
President, N.W.T.T.A.,  
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Mr. Reid:

At a recent meeting of the Sir John local of the N.W.T.T.A., I was asked by the membership to write and inform you of the unfortunate financial dilemma facing a number of departments. This financial problem exists due to a very drastic cut in our operating budget.

In an effort to provide you with pertinent facts I have surveyed the staff and asked for estimates of monies needed to meet the needs of their programs till June of 1981.

Commercial - texts and supplies	\$2000.00
Classroom working supplies	\$4000.00
Home Economics	\$9000.00
Library	\$4000.00
Mathematics	\$1000.00
Physical Education	\$6600.00
Science	\$1000.00
Industrial Arts	\$7000.00
English	\$1000.00
Social Studies	\$2000.00

It should be noted that the above total of approximately \$38000. are the minimum requirements for supplies until June and leaves all inventories at zero. Since it takes 4-6 months to order supplies it will be almost impossible to operate under these conditions.

At the same time, I regret to inform you that plagiarism and copyrite infringement are common place as teachers lay aside their professional ethics in an effort to offer the students the most current information. Because of course changes by Alberta, a number of new curriculums must be implemented. Teachers are therefore using the Xerox to replace new texts which are not available due to a lack of funds.

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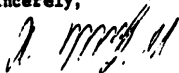
The question of cost effectiveness both in the use of the xerox and teacher time should be apparent.

Owing to a lack of funds, the options in the school such as home economics, art, vocations and the commercial department have been badly damaged. Since these areas are heavily enrolled by non-academic students, the teachers in these areas are finding it hard or even now, cannot offer a program that follows the guidelines of the Alberta Curriculum.

The morale of the school, while generally good, pervades an atmosphere of frustration over lack of supplies and the unproductive use of government time.

I implore you on behalf of the Sir John Staff to make aware these conditions to the Council when the problem is broached in Frobisher. We need both your support and that of your executive to help us obtain the necessary funds to continue to offer the very fine program which is currently operating at Sir John Franklin.

Sincerely,



Allan McDonald

