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Dennis Patterson  
Minister of Education  
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Dennis,

The staff of Takijualuk School met recently with Elizabeth Thompson, Pond Inlet Early-Intervention Pilot Project co-ordinator to discuss the progress and future of the programme. We were all delighted with the obvious benefits to the children in the programme but dismayed to hear that due to lack of funding the project will be ended this month.

Parents, teachers, Education Council members, together, support this programme and feel that if it is terminated for want of approximately \$25,000 per year a terrible mistake will be made. Economically this Pilot Project is the bargain of the century. By spending a few dollars early in a child's development thousands of dollars can be saved later on as the need for special programmes is decreased to the barest minimum. The social benefits are incalculable but equally important and clear. Boys and girls can grow in the security and comfort of their homes and parents can gain confidence and a sense of well-being as they see their children improve right before their eyes and through their own efforts. As teachers we have a vested interest in seeing that this project continues. The quality of education can only be enhanced when boys and girls are given a good, normal start to school which this project demonstrates can be done with local effort and very little funding.

Many parents have expressed their interest in the project and their concern for its continuance. They see the results and they know it is worthwhile. The teachers are unanimous in their support for the project. All of us hope that the necessary funding will be found to ensure that boys and girls get the service they deserve and need, right here in Pond Inlet.

Thanking you, we are,  
The staff of Takijualuk School.

15 names

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