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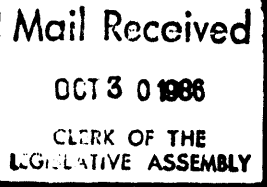
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Petition 1-86(2)

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L. Vertes
Deputy Minister

cc: Minister of Education
Deputy Minister of Education
Legislative Assistance to the
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RESPONSE TO PETITION

Tabled by Mr. Pudluk
October 15, 1986

GRADE TEN IN ARCTIC BAY

Response by the Honourable Mr. Dennis Patterson on behalf of the Executive Council

As Minister of Education I am attempting to provide classes for students to receive their education as close to home as possible, whenever there is a sufficient number of students. As the resources of the Department of Education are limited it has been necessary to establish guidelines to assist in deciding where grade 10 classes will be located. (A copy of these guidelines is attached.)

The guidelines state that a community should have a least ten students in order to form a grade 10 class. Also, to ensure that there will be enough students to maintain the class in future years, the total of students in the grade 7, 8 and 9 classes should be at least 50.

Although the guidelines are not meant to be rigidly applied, in reviewing the present school enrollment for the Inuujaq School in Arctic Bay it does not appear that there are sufficient students to make it possible to offer grade 10 during the next school year. Present enrollment figures are as follows:

<u>Grade 7</u>	<u>Grade 8</u>	<u>Grade 9</u>	<u>Total 7-9</u>
15	5	0	20

Judging from the above enrollment figures, it might be possible in two (2) years to establish a grade 10 class in your community.

I am very impressed with the number of people who were concerned enough about this issue to sign the petition. For this reason, I regret very much that I am not able to assist the community in providing a grade 10 class at this time.



Northwest
Territories Minister of Education

OCT 29 1986

Mishak Allurt,
Chairperson,
Community Education Council,
Arctic Bay, N.W.T.
XDA 0A0

Dear Mishak,

I have recently received a petition from residents of Arctic Bay which requests the establishment of a Grade 10 class for Arctic Bay commencing in 1987.

As you know, I am attempting to provide classes for students to receive their education as close to home as possible, wherever there is a sufficient number of students. Because our resources are not unlimited it has been necessary to establish guidelines to assist in deciding where grade 10 classes will be located. I attach a copy of these guidelines for you and members of the Education Council to consider.

You will notice in the guidelines the requirement that the community have at least ten students in order to form a Grade 10 class. Also, to ensure that there will be enough students to maintain the class in future years, the total of students in the Grade 7, 8 and 9 classes should be at least 50.

We do not rigidly adhere to these guidelines, but in reviewing the present school enrollment for the Inuujaq School in Arctic Bay it does not appear that there are sufficient students to make it possible to offer Grade 10 during the next school year. Present enrollment figures are as follows:

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis G. Patterson".

Dennis G. Patterson,
Minister.

cc. Ludy Pudluq
B. Menton

GUIDELINES TO OFFER GRADE TEN

1. Local Education Authorities interested in having Grade 10 introduced in their schools should apply to the local Superintendent of Education at least one year in advance of implementation.
2. The Local Education Authority will require all eligible students from that community to take the Grade 10 program when it is offered in that community.
3. The Superintendent will then forward the request to the Deputy Minister of Education together with the following information, collected if necessary with the assistance of Secondary Programs staff in the Department of Education:
 - 3.1 Copy of approved student evaluation procedures which have already been implemented at the school.
 - 3.2 Statistics to indicate that the school has had satisfactory attendance of at least 80% in the middle years grades.
 - 3.3 Statistics to indicate that the total number of students in grades 7, 8, 9 is at least 50 and that there is the potential for at least 10 students in grade 10 for the next three years.
 - 3.4 Identify the resources which will be required to deliver a grade 10 program to contain the following core courses: English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education and Personal Development.
 - 3.5 Identify the elective courses to be offered and the resources needed to deliver them from the following: Industrial Education, Business Education, Home Economics, Second Language, Fine Arts, Computer Literacy.
 - 3.6 Determine the demand for and the resources required to deliver the Community Occupational Program at that location.
4. Only those students who have satisfactorily completed all four core courses at the grade 9 level will be admitted to the grade 10 program.
5. In order to accommodate the needs of vocational program students who have graduated from this grade 10 program, all vocational preparation programs will be concentrated over the grade 11 and 12 years rather than in the current three year program.
6. The Deputy Minister will review all applications and recommend to the Minister the location for new grade 10's in the new year. This decision will be made prior to December 31st so that the necessary program development work and financial submissions can be done in good time.

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Petition 2-86(2)

In accordance with rule 56(10) I am forwarding the Executive Council's response to the above petition.



L. Vertes
Deputy Minister

cc: Minister of Education
Deputy Minister of Education
Legislative Assistance to the
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RESPONSE TO PETITION

Tabled by Mr. Ludy Pudluk, MLA

NEW SCHOOL FOR GRISE FIORD

Response by the Honourable Mr. Dennis Patterson on behalf of the Executive Council.

The petition submitted requests a new school due to age (27 years) and conditions to be found that were dangerous and unhealthy.

Attached is the most recent report (October 24, 1986) by Regional Public Works and Highways that states that safety and good operational requirements have been met for the interim. The report also states that a complete mechanical, electrical, structural and architectural assessment will be completed by the end of December 1986. Shortly thereafter a decision will be made on how to address outstanding work or whether to replace the school at some future date.

I can assure you that the health and safety of students and staff are of great concern. Also the building should be a pleasant and good place for learning. These and other concerns will be a high priority in assessing whether to modernize or replace the present school.



Northwest
Territories Minister of Education

OCT 29 1986

Mr. Ludy Pudluk
M.L.A.
High Arctic

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Sincerely,

Dennis Patterson
Minister

cc: Gordon Wray
Joseph L. Handley
Larry Elkin
Brian Menton
Chairman B.D.B.E.
Chairman Grise Fiord LEA
Jim Moffat

ISSUE: GRISE FIORD SCHOOL

Background:

In early March 1986, the Area Maintenance Officer completed an inspection and report on the Grise Fiord School. His report identified approximately \$250,000 of upgrading work required as follows:

- Painting of interior and exterior
- Replace all flooring
- Remove and replace rotting floor over crawl space that houses water melting tank
- Install new water tank and septic tank
- Install flush toilets

The major cost is in the plumbing system. The ice melting machine was being used to generate heat to keep the pipes and sewage tank from freezing. This was a poor solution and has caused rotting of the floor boards above due to steam generation.

Comments:

Repairs and servicing were completed earlier this year on the electrical system, emergency generator and boilers to meet safety and good operational requirements.

Recently, a new floor was installed at the school in the main corridor and both boys and girls washrooms. This consisted of replacing rotted shores, beams, joists and collar ties in the crawl space above the sewage and water holding tanks. All of the floor was replaced with new 3/4" plywood, linoleum, baseboard and miscellaneous trim. To rectify the constant rotting of the flooring directly above the sewage and water holding tanks, a temperature controlled unit heater has been installed in the crawl space.

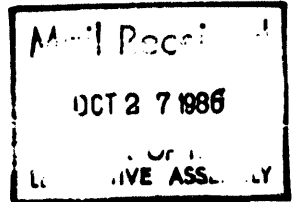
To back up the unit heater in case of emergency, a Pyrotenax heating cable will be installed which will be controlled by a manual switch and connected to the emergency generator to prevent any freezing of sanitary lines and the sewage holding tank.

We have recently assigned the overall upgrading project to a Frobisher Bay project officer and designated it as a very high priority.

To date, the Regional Project Management Division has completed a mechanical assessment of the school. The electrical, architectural and structural assessment will be completed by the end of December and a full report forwarded to DPW&H Headquarters for review and comments. At that time, a decision will have to be made on how to address outstanding work.

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Petition 3-86(2)

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c.c. Minister of Justice
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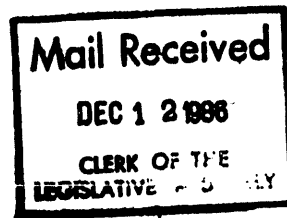
Petition tabled by Mr. Wah-Shee on October 16, 1986.

Response by the Hon. Michael Ballantyne on behalf of the Executive Council.

Liquor Plebiscite held in Rae-Edzo October 7, 1986

A response to this petition was made by the Hon. Michael Ballantyne on October 21, 1986 in the Legislative Assembly.

The Minister has also responded directly to the representatives of the petitioners.



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Petition 4-86(2)

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L. Vertes
Deputy Minister

cc: Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs
Deputy Minister of Municipal and
Community Affairs
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RESPONSE TO PETITION

Petition tabled by Mr. Arlooktoo on October 16, 1986

Response by the Honourable Gordon Wray,
Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs,
on behalf of the Executive Council.

Swimming Pool - Lake Harbour

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs has experienced an unprecedented demand for new swimming pools provided under the Above Ground Pool Program. This highly popular program has increased three-fold since 1980 to eighteen pools in operation in the summer of 1986.

The Lake Harbour petition represents the tenth request in the last eight months for new pools. Although the capital costs for new pools is relatively modest (approximately \$25,000 for each pool), the Department is having difficulty meeting its obligations to provide high quality support for the operation of pools, including qualified staff and the necessary operating funding for such items as chemicals and supplies, and travel for instructor and pool assistant training.

To ensure the Department maintains the necessary operating support for pools, new pools will be introduced gradually over the next 5 years. Under the Department's current forecast of two pools per year, Lake Harbour will be eligible to receive a new pool on sea lift the summer of 1991. A staff person would be hired and trained to enable the pool to operate the summer of 1992.

Department staff will meet with community representatives during the next six months to discuss this petition. If the community is fully prepared to assume the responsibilities expected of it under the program, the Department will attempt to advance the Lake Harbour pool to an earlier date.

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Petition 5-86(2)

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L. Vertes
Deputy Minister

cc: Minister of Social Services
Deputy Minister of Social Services
Legislative Assistant to the
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Petition tabled by Mrs. Lawrence on October 21, 1986.

Response by the Honorable Bruce McLaughlin on behalf of the Executive Council.

Day Care in Fort Resolution.

The Department of Social Services has undertaken a review of Day Care Programs and Services within the Northwest Territories. At present a decision paper is before the Executive Council.

A motion was introduced by Mrs. Lawrence on October 23, 1986. The Legislative Assembly approved recommendation to the Executive Council to table a Child Care Policy during the next session.

It is proposed that minimum standards for day care providers will be developed in conjunction with a Child Care Policy.

In the interim, until Government Policy is established, the Department's staff are available to community groups and organizations for assistance in developing and establishing child care programs which would be suitable to individual community needs.

Attached is a copy of the letter sent to the Alcohol and Drug Program, Fort Resolution, from Bruce McLaughlin, Minister of the Department of Social Services in response to the petition.

Dave McLabb,
Chairperson,
Alcohol & Drug Program,
General Delivery,
Fort Resolution, N.W.T.,
XOE 0P0.

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ATTENTION: Dorothy Handeville
Brenda Beaulieu
Paul Boucher

Dear Mr. McLabb:

The Department of Social Services is in receipt of your petition, which was introduced at the Legislative Assembly on October 21, 1986 by Mrs. Lawrence.

Recognizing that the lack of dependable child care in N.W.T. communities is a concern to the working parents and to those parents seeking employment the Department has undertaken a review of day care. At present a decision paper is before the Executive Council.

A Day Care Policy and draft minimum standards for day care providers will be developed for tabling at the next sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

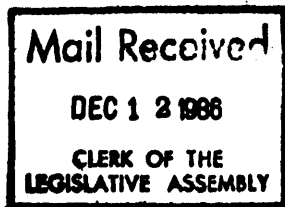
In the interim I encourage you to contact Theresa Wilson the Department's Day Care Consultant (920-8786) who is available to assist your organization and community in determining your day care needs.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By
Bruce McLaughlin

Bruce McLaughlin,
Minister.

cc. Eliza Lawrence
N.L.A. Tu Nede

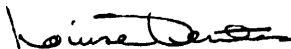


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Petition tabled by Eliza Lawrence on October 21, 1986.

Response by the Honourable Nick Sibbeston on behalf of the Executive Council.

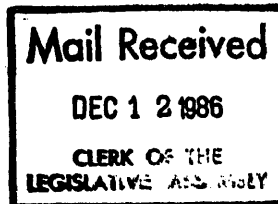
Alcohol Subsidy in Fort Resolution

It is more appropriate to say that the pricing of alcohol is subject to price equalization across the N.W.T. rather than price subsidization in any community.

The retail price of alcohol is calculated simply as the wholesale price (which includes freight costs) plus the Government's markup. This markup includes both taxes and the cost of operating the various stores. The markup varies by product type and is 150% of wholesale price for spirits, 110% for wine and 100% for canned beer. The actual method used to establish a system wide price is fairly complex but in effect the different costs for each of nine distribution centres is calculated. These costs are then put into a formula which takes into account the relative volumes sold at the various stores and the different costs of freight. This produces an equalized price which is different than standard markup to the wholesale price. It is higher in some stores and lower in others. The net effect is to produce the established markup revenue for a product across the entire system. Equalization is revenue neutral, that is, removal of this program would not generate additional revenue for the government as rises in prices in some communities would be offset by drops in others.

It should be noted that the equalized price only applies to distribution centers. Consumers in communities outside of distribution centers such as Fort Resolution pay the full price of freight from the nearest store to their community.

As to what effects the removal of equalization would have on other programs, it is difficult to determine. As indicated, equalization is revenue neutral so its elimination would not produce additional revenues for the Government. Many factors must be considered in this matter including whether price rises would result in lower consumption and if problems of product substitution (that is, spirits for beer) might occur if equalization is simply removed. The Executive Council will continue to examine the issue and will keep the Legislative Assembly informed of the results of our deliberations.

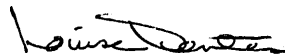


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