



June 15, 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

I was upset to learn that the addition of our high school in Gameti was not going to happen as it was planned. We have been asking for this important addition for many years and now it seems as though the project has been forgotten.

Last year, my eldest daughter left our home to begin her high school education in Rae-Edzo. She is 15 years old and is not old enough to be out on her own. We worry about her all the time and we want her to be with us, in our house, being with her brothers. In two years her brother will have to do the same thing.

Our community deserves the same thing that everyone else deserves and that is the right to raise our children in loving family environments. Now, we are forced to break apart our families in order to make sure they get an education. It is a tough decision to make.

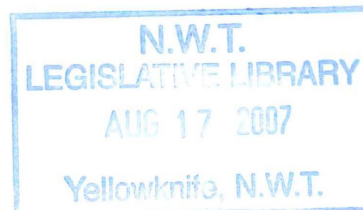
Please make sure that the school expansion occurs as it is supposed to. Get the government to commit the money needed. Put the things in place and make it happen. We need our families to remain together. The longer this waits, the more difficulties we will face.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Rose Arrowmaker".

Mary Rose Arrowmaker and Benny Wetrade

cc. Charles Dent, Minister of Education, Culture, and Employment



June 14, 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

We are the parents of 6 young children. Last year our oldest daughter had to go to school in Edzo and next year one of our sons will be attending. In the next four years we will be sending four children to school outside our community for their education. It really upsets us to have to see our children leaving us.

We have had to consider moving from our community as well. It is a terrible price to have to pay in order to have our children get an education. We have always been in Gameti and have always been a Gameti family. Now we may have to move.

We want to stay in the community we love and raise our children here. Please work with the other members of the government to make the school expansion possible.

Sincerely Yours,

  
Germain and Camilla Eyakfwo

cc. Charles Dent, Minister of Education, Culture, and Employment

June 15, 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

My husband and I have had to send five of our children out of the community in order to allow them to complete their high school education. We have two more children who will soon need to do the same thing. While we value education, we want what is best for our children. When our children go to school outside the community we are not there to support them during the challenges that the teen years can present. Instead of being able to be there to help them we get phone calls late at night and we worry about their safety and well being all the time. We want our children to be home with us, in our community where we can give them love and support.

We were very pleased to learn that the community was finally going to be receiving our much needed school expansion. We were then disappointed to learn that the project had not moved ahead and that the school was not being expanded as planned. This means that we are once again forced to send our girls to live away from us.

We are asking that you continue to push for the development of this project and that you encourage everyone to get the project online for the next winter road. Every road we miss means that it is another year with our family split apart. We need our children to live with us so that we can support them as a family.

Sincerely Yours,



Eddie and Mary Adele Chocolate

cc. Charles Dent, Minister of Education, Culture, and Employment

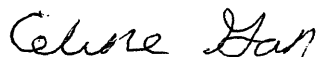
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Dear Jackson Lafferty

We need you to continue to work on behalf of our community to make sure that JWGS gets the expansion that allows them to offer a high school program. Our oldest daughter got into some trouble in Rae-Edzo last year and we made the difficult decision to bring her back to Gameti. As a result she missed most of her grade 10 year. She continues to struggle without the love and support of her family. She was always a very good student when she was in Gameti. We made sure she attended every day and that she did her work. She was a very good student. Now she struggles and we are worried about her finishing school.

We need to help our daughter and we need her to be in this community attending a high school program here. Please do whatever you can to get the school and gym built.

Sincerely,

  
Jimmy Arrowmaker and Celine Gon

cc. Charles Dent, Minister of Education, Culture, and Employment

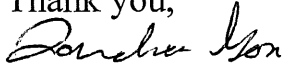
June 14, 2007

Dear Mr. Lafferty

I am very concerned that the school in Gameti is not going to receive the expansion that has been scheduled for a number of years. I have had to send my children to school in Rae-Edzo over the years. While some have done well in school, some have not. One of my boys was recently sent home from Behchoko because of problems he was having. He has some learning issues and needs a lot of structure and support in order to succeed in school. He was not able to receive this structure or support because he was not with his family. Because of this I am worried that he will never be able to complete school. We need the school built as quickly as possible. If we wait, it will only mean that students, like my son, will suffer and not receive the education that all people deserve.

I hope that you are able to work with the members of the legislature and other organizations to keep the project happening. It is really important to our children and our families. All we ask is that the project be made a priority

Thank you,



Sandra and Henry Gon

cc. Charles Dent, Minister of Education, Culture, and Employment

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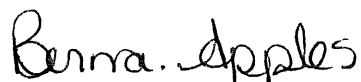
Dear Mr. Lafferty,

I am concerned that the high school is not being built in Gameti as it is supposed to be. I am the mother of 3 school age children. My eldest daughter graduated from CJBS last year. However, it was not without a struggle. She became pregnant while attending high school. She was not being supervised and supported by me.

My biggest concern is for the welfare of my son who is being forced to leave our house next year to attend grade 10. He suffers with very significant speech issues and has a literacy level that is at the early primary level. He will struggle in Behchoko and I am torn by the decision I have to make. Do I send him away where I cannot support him and care for him, or do I make him stay home and stop his education now?

Please do whatever it takes to build the high school in Gameti. The families and children of Gameti are suffering without one.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bernadette Apples".

Bernadette Apples

June 14, 2007

Dear Jackson,

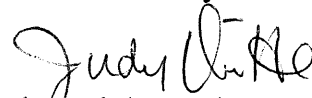
WE are the parents of three young girls. Our oldest daughter is just completing her first year of high school. It breaks my heart to have my oldest daughter having to live away from our family and we miss her. We want very much to have the high school expansion happen because I want our daughter to be a part of family.

My other children are in school and will be looking at having to leave home to attend high school in the next few years. 15 years old is too young to be forced to leave your family. That is the age when our children need our love, support, and guidance the most.

I realize that money is the issue that is being faced. Money may seem important to politicians as they sit in the legislature. What it means to me is the health, safety, and welfare of my daughter. And that is much more important than any issue about money. All parents in Gameti worry about the welfare of their children as they attend school far from their love and support of their families.

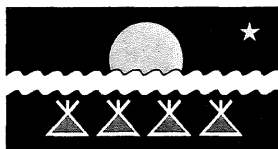
Please do what you can to make sure that the interests of the children and families of Gameti are well supported by your government. Every year wasted in not building the school means more risks to our children.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Quitte".

Judy Quitte and Patrick Wedawin

cc. Charles Dent, Minister of Education, Culture, and Employment



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Jennifer Wetrade  
Gameti Community Director

June 18, 2007

Monfwi MLA Jackson Lafferty  
Minister Charles Dent

**Re: Jean Wetrade Gameti School Expansion**

The community members have been waiting for the expansion of the local school for a number of years now.

We would like to see the school expansion soon; people have been looking forward to this for a very long time and its time to put this in action.

If you should have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [jenniferwetrade@tlicho.com](mailto:jenniferwetrade@tlicho.com) or (867) 997-3074.

In Tlicho Unity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JWetrade', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Wetrade

cc: Chief Henry Gon  
cc: JWGS Principal James Robinson



June 15.07

Dear Jackson Lafferty

My name is Jasper Eyakfwo and I am 15 years old. I attend grade 9 at Jean Wetrade Gameti School. I am concerned about the school expansion in Gameti. One of my concerns is that the school is not going to be built in Gameti in a couple more years. I am proud of where I came from and I want to finish my grade 12 but not anywhere else because I spend from Grade 1 to grade 9 in Jean Wetrade Gameti School. Gameti is my hometown and I have a right to an education in my hometown. I want the kids that are living in Gameti to finish their grade 12 here but not anywhere else. Please build the school in Gameti.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jasper Eyakfwo".

Jasper Eyakfwo

June 15, 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

My name is Shawn Gon and I am 13 years old. I attend grade 8 at Jean Wetrade Gameti School.

I am concerned that the high school isn't going to be built which means we have to leave the community. And we have the right to an education in our community. Our parents and elders are concerned that we, the kids of the future, might be doing drugs and alcohol, which might mean that the language is going to die. I don't want to go Rae because of all the drugs and alcohol I don't want to be far away from my family and I was living in Gameti for a long time which means I was going school since preschool and I still want to go school here till I graduate

Sincerely Yours,

Shawn Gon

Shawn Gon

June 15, 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

My name is Eleasha Chocolate, and I am 12 years old. I attend grade 7 at Jean Wettrade Gameti School. I am concerned that our high school is not going to be built. We have a right to an education in our hometown. Kids like me really want the high school built because when we were small we started school here and we want to finish school here. Gameti is a safe town for kids to play around. There is no problem in Gameti; there is no drinking and no rough fighting. Please build the high school.

Sincerely,

Eleasha Chocolate

Eleasha Chocolate

June 15 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

My name is Katrina Mantla and I am 12 years old. I attend Jean Wetrade Gameti School. I lived in Gameti all my life and I've been going to Jean Wetrade Gameti School all my life. I am concerned about the school not being built. The reason why I'm concerned is because if I'm done grade 9 here, I don't want to leave my hometown and go to school somewhere else. I don't want to leave Gameti and because it is a good community. I don't want to go school in Rae because Rae is not safe for me and it has access to drugs & alcohol. A lot of parents are concerned about their kids and the parents don't want their kids to leave. I really want to go school here if the high school is built. I want to graduate here with all my friends. I really hope there will be the high school here. I am looking forward to it. So please build the school here. I am proud to be living in Gameti and I will not leave Gameti to go school somewhere else. Masi Cho!

Sincerely,

Katrina Mantla

Katrina Mantla

June 15, 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

My name is Anthony Apples and I am 16 years old. I attend grade 9 at Jean We Trade Gameti School. And why can't the High school be built here. Because I tell you why--- Rae and Edzo is not safe town because they have drugs and alcohol in Rae. I have a right to an education in my hometown.

Anthony Apples  
Anthony Apples

Friday June,15,2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

Hi my name is David Chocolate and I am 12 Years old and I attend Grade 7 Junior High at Jean Wetrade Gameti School. I live in Gameti and I am proud were I came from and want to stay here in Gameti. Kids like me need support from their family and Rae isn't safe for me. Drugs and alcohol is a problem for everyone in the school and we need to change the school and we need a high school in Gameti.

Sincerely Yours,

David chocolate

David Chocolate

June 15, 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty

My name is Kathleen Gon and I am 12 years old. I attend grade 7 at Jean Wetrade Gameti School. I am concerned about why the school not built yet. When is the school going to be built? A lot of parents are concerned because the school isn't built and the doesn't want the same school. And some kids from kindergarten are coming to Jean Wetrade Gameti School. I want to stay with my family not move to Rae.

Sincerely Yours,

Kathleen.Gon

Kathleen.Gon

June 15, 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty

My name is Tianna Takazo and I am turning 13 yrs old. I attend grade 7 at Jean Wetrade Gameti School. Gameti is my home town I lived here all my life. I am part Dogrib and Slavey.

I am concerned that the high school won't be built and we have the rights to have a high school. We need to have a good education in our hometown; our parents don't want to leave this town. I need my parents to support me here in Gameti; I still want to go school here. I really want a gym in school because I like sports. I want to graduate here In Gameti. If the school's not built I have to go away from my family and I don't want it to happen. I like living in Gameti because I lived here my whole life. I don't want to go to Rae-Edzo because it's not safe and kids do drugs and alcohol they might force me into that bad stuff and I don't want it to happen to me.

Sincerely,

Tianna Takazo

Tianna Takazo



June 15, 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty

My name is Kelsey Bekale and I am 12 years old. Attend grade 7 at Jean Wetrade Gameti School. I live in Gameti, I lived here all my life. I am concerned that the school is not built as a high school. Most of our parents are concerned that they don't want us to leave. After I am done grade 9, I'll have to go to Rae and Rae has access to drugs & alcohol and I don't want to get into that. Some of us don't want to leave our town. We want a high school so we can stay in our town and graduate with our friends and family. If there were a high school here it would be much better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelsey".

Kelsey Bekale

June 15, 07

Dear Jackson Lafferty

My name is Andrew Wetrade and I am 15 years old I attend grade 8 at JEAN WETRADE GAMETI SCHOOL. I live in Gameti. It is a small town and I want the school built next year because the students should get their first education at the school. And lots of bad stuff in town like drugs and alcohols but we all wish for a gym in our school and because I love sport that all I have to say. Masi Cho.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrew Wetrade". The signature is written in black ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Andrew Wetrade

June 15, 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty

My name is Alan Wetrade and I am 14 years old. I attend grade 8 at Jean Wetrade Gameti School. I was supposed to go school here when it was being built but since they wouldn't bring in the parts I have to leave Gameti and go to school at Rae. The reasons that I don't want go school at Rae is because of the drugs and alcohol and the Rae kids always act something, but since they aren't building the school here I have to go there. I have a right to be educated in my hometown, and I want to be close to my family, and I like to play sports so I want the new gym built because our old one is wrecked up and it's small. So please build our school. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alan Wetrade

Alan Wetrade

June 15,2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty

My name is Nathan Wedawin and I am 14 and half years old. I attend grade 8 at Jean Wetrade Gameti School. I am really concerned that the school won't be built this year or next year. I don't want to leave Gameti and get education from Rae. There's drug and alcohol problem at Rae and I am proud where I came from and want to stay here in Gameti to finish my school here in my hometown. We really need a new gym for Gameti because our old gym is wrecked up and smaller than the other gyms.

Sincerely

*Natha wedawin*

Nathan Wedawin

June 15 07

Dear Jackson Lafferty

My name is Chelsea Wetrade and I am 14 years old and I attend grade 8 at Jean Wetrade Gameti School and I am concerned that the school in Gameti is not build yet. Rae-lakes (Gameti) is a good place to live and it is a quiet town and there is no trouble here in Gameti. I am proud of where I came from and where I want to stay and I want to go school here in my own town and finish school here in Gameti.

Sincerely Yours,

*Chelsea Wetrade*

Chelsea Wetrade

June/15/07

Dear Jackson Lafferty

My name is Reshinda Eyakfwo and I am 13 years old. I attend grade 8 at Jean Wetrade Gameti School. I am concerned about the school because the school supplies are not here. If there are no school supplies then there will be no high school. I will have to go school in Rae but I don't want to be away from my family & Gameti. Plus, Rae has too much drugs and alcohol and Gameti is my home town. I want to graduate from Gameti.

Sincerely Yours,

*Reshinda Eyakfwo*

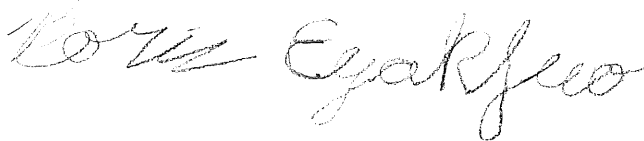
Reshinda Eyakfwo

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

I would like it if you do build a high school. So I don't have to go away from my, family, friend & school. The gym we have already is old, dirty & mostly broken. The basketball net is fallen apart. We have no fun stuff to play with. It's too far to walk to. It wasting my gym time too. In winter it's too cold to walk to. In the next four month my brother Jasper is going to grade 10 in Rae. I do not want him to go because I will miss is him so badly, my mom will too. So please build it this year and he will stay here with us and still go Grade 10. I don't have to make my family miss me much as my sister who is turning grade 11 in Rae. I don't want to miss they too much as badly as my brother & sister too.

Yours,

Boris Eyakfwo Grade 6

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Boris Eyakfwo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Friday, June 15, 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty, MLA

I think that the new school being put on hold is very upsetting for the whole school of J.W.G.S. We...students and teachers have to walk in the dirty gym every Physical Education filled with garbage. It is important that you make a new school because as we grow older and probably got to C.J.B.S or E.M.E.S. We have to leave our home, family and relatives. I don't want that happening.

When winter comes we have to walk all the way to gym in the cold. Some students are not properly dressed for the weather too. So I think that you should build a new school here. So that we do not have to waste time and walk all the way to the gym. It will be much easier if we can just walk down the hall to the gym. Instead of wasting school time It is really important to us students, teachers and our community. Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely Davina Chocolate, Grade 6

Thank you

*Davina Chocolate*



**Friday, June 15, 2007**

**Dear Jackson Lafferty, MLA,**

**I just heard that the new part of the school is being put on hold. If the other half of school doesn't get built, that means we students here in Gameti have to walk all the way to the gym and all the way back. That's wasting school time. If we had a school gym, we would not waste so much time because all we have to do is just walk down the hall.**

**If the new part of school doesn't get built that means the grade 9 students have to leave Gameti to finish the next grade. As a student and a citizen of Gameti this is very upsetting that the gym and high school are being put on hold. It's very upsetting that we students have to walk to the gym in the cold winter. It's even more upsetting that we students of Jean We Trade Gameti school have to leave Gameti to finish the next grade. Just to hear all this is going to happen soon is very upsetting for us. We all hope that you will reconsider and build the new school.**

*Lisa Ekendia Gon*

**Sincerely Lisa Ekendia Gon, Grade 6  
A citizen and student of Gameti**

Dear Jackson Lafferty, MLA,

I just heard that the new half of the school has been put on hold. I don't want that because if we go out and walk to the gym where it's dirty and there is not very much equipment we have to bring our equipment from the school. It is very upsetting that we have to walk to the gym for Physical Education with our heavy equipment. Then when winter comes we have to walk to the gym in the cold and sometimes kids are not dressed for the weather. Some students just wear shoes, sweaters and thick pants. My mom doesn't want me to go to Rae for high school because it's too far. She is already worried about my brother because sometimes the students drink on weekends. That's why I don't want to go to CJBS or any other school. I just want to finish my grades here, and I don't want my mom to be worried about me. So that's why I would like you to tell the government to please make our school a better place.

Thank you for reading my letter.

Sincerely,

Alicia Mantla, Grade 6

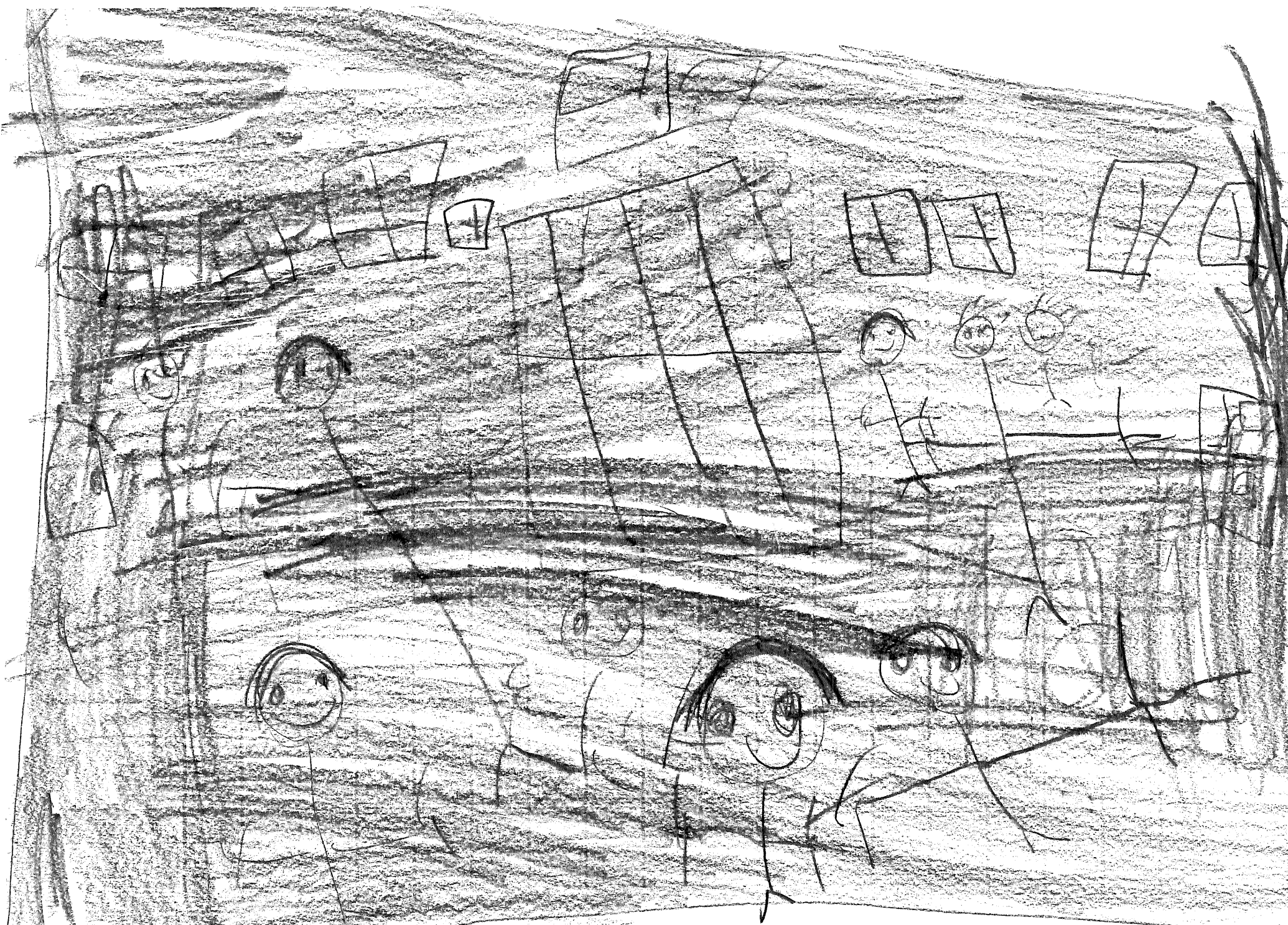
Student of JWGS

Dear Jackson Lafferty, MLA,

I think the postponement of the new gym and high school at JWGS is cruel because most of the students and I were really looking forward to having a half of a new school with a gym. It is a lot of trouble going to the gym in the winter because it's cold and some students don't dress properly. It takes us like five minutes to walk to the gym and five more minutes to walk back. That is almost half our class time! Do you see how much of class time we're missing? Pretty soon we are going to be unathletic. If we had a gym in the school, all we would have to do is walk through the hallway and back. That's like 20 seconds! If you think about giving us this gym we would all thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Patty Wedawin, Grade 6



We will be happy if they build the school and gym.  
(Tamera Chocolate -JWS)

JUNE/18 2007

Dear Jackson

Please dont cancel the gym because  
we have to walk to the gym with our class  
and it takes a long time. in the winter  
it is cold out side and we might get sick.  
we waste all our gym time because by  
the time we get there and get  
reddy we don't have very long to  
play. Please build the gym and school.  
I don't want my sister to go either.  
masi cho

By Jorrett

June 15, 2007

Dear Jack Son,

Please do not cancel  
the new school. If you do cancel,  
my Uncle Floyd will have  
to go to school in Rae.

I don't want that to  
happen because my  
UNCLE Floyd takes  
care of me and I take  
care of him. Jack Son  
please tell the boss  
not to cancel the new  
school. Please

From Justin

Dear Mrs Jackson, please Don't Cancel  
Building the School. In YOU CONCERN  
I WILL MISS MY BROTHER, MY FAMILY  
WILL BE SEPARATED. AND THAT MAKES  
ME AND MY MOM SAD. MY  
BIG SISTER IS ROE FOR SCHOOL AND  
I HARDLY SEE HER ANYMORE. IT ALWAYS  
TAKES A LONG TIME FOR HER TO VISIT.  
IF WE HAD A SCHOOL HERE WE  
COULD STAY TOGETHER LIKE ONE BIG  
HAPPY FAMILY

FROM ROYDEN

June 18 2007 Dear Jackson  
Please Jackson don't let  
them cancel the school  
and gym we need the gym  
because the other  
gym is dirty and sometime  
it's not safe sometime  
we have to cancel  
but on the floor  
if the gym was at  
school we could  
take good care of  
it then we could  
go to the gym lots  
if we had a high school  
my mom could  
go back to school  
and graduate I would be  
proud of her because it

might be hard but why we need the



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June 18 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

My name is Brenda and I am 10 years old.

I attend grade 4 at Jean Wetrade Gamet school.

I wonder if you could please make our school bigger.

Rae is not a safe place to go school in, because, some people drink alcohol everynight and it's not safe because our parents not going to be there anymore. We all agreed to stay in Rae-Lakes and make gym in Jean Wetrade Gamet school. I

want to go school here all the way to grade 12.

It takes five minutes to go to the old gym and everytime we go there it's always mess, so we need a gym in this school so we can keep it clean and so we can have recess in there in the winter and do gymnastics. But if we don't get it we'll be so upset, please make our school bigger so we won't have to go to Rae because I don't want to leave my parents here all by themselves if we don't get it before June 2008 we won't be happy with the government please do it do it for us.

Sincerely

Brenda

wedawin

June 18 2007

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

My name is Grayson and I am

11 year old. I attend

grade 4 at JWS. and I want to go to school here till

grade 12 and I don't want to go to school

in Rae because there are drugs and alcohol. It is

my right to be able to stay in Rae Lakes for school till

grade 12 and please finish building our school.

sincerely,

Grayson  
Etsemda  
Sangris

June 18 1977

Dear Jackson Lafferty,

My name is Mikey and I 11 year old. I attend grade 5 at (J.W.G.S.) Garneti is my home and I want to graduate here. We need our school to be bigger and we need your support. Rae is not good because drugs and alcohol are there. I don't want to get into drugs. I see lot's of people drinking at Rae. It is bad for us. I want to stay at Garneti because there are kids giving kids black eyes. It is my right as a Canadian citizen to be able to get an education in my own community. Please build the rest of our school soon.

Sincerely,  
Mikey Bekale

June 18, 2007

Dear Jackson Laffery,

My name is Tammy and I am 10 years old. I attend grade 4 at Jean Wettrale Cromoti School.

My community is great, I love my town. And I was wondering if you could make our school bigger.

Cause we need a gym with equmnt, and Cafeteria, and a huge playground. Bee is not saf to go High

School in. It's just trouble over there. Drugs and alcohol is not good, I'm proud that I live

here, it's fun, cool, and sometimes wierd! No rather if it's a small town, I'm still staying here to learn and do great thing

Sincerely,

Tammy Gian