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Northwest Territories Minister of Education, Culture and Employment

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Mr. Daniel Cuerrier
President
La Federation Franco-TeNOise

Dear Mr. Cuerrier:

Further to my meeting with you and your legal counsel, Mr. Garth Wallbridge, I confirm that I have committed to ensure that the regulations regarding s.23 will be developed in consultation with the Federation Franco-TeNOise. We will consult with the Federation as to both the proposed content of the regulations and a draft of the regulations. The Bill, if approved, is scheduled to come into force on July 1, 1996. The regulations will be completed by that time. The 1992 agreement will form basis for the framework of the Regulations.

To clarify our intentions with respect to s.84 (1) of the Bill, the two or more conseils referred to in that section may be located in the same community or in two or more communities. In addition, I will be introducing a motion to include the commision scolaire francophone de division in the definition of education bodies.

We are confident that Bill 25 will recognize section 23 of the Charter. I hope that you will confirm to us and inform MLAs that your issues have been addressed. Working together we can ensure that the regulations to be developed in 1995-96 will provide an appropriate administrative framework to implement those rights.

Sincerely,



Richard Nerysoo
Minister

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