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The Honourable Stephen Kakfwi

Dear Sir:-

The Iqaluit Education Council is very concerned over the Long Term Housing Policy. A large number of aboriginal educators may be forced to terminate their employment, or move in with their families, which will result in more overcrowding. We feel this policy will be detrimental to the Government's target of native teachers composing fifty percent of the workforce by the year 2000. The financial burden will be great on single parents who have day care costs.

Teachers of Long standing, who were hired in the south, are concerned over this policy. Many live in sub standard houses and feel the heating costs will be very high. Some are considering leaving the North. This will increase removal and recruitment costs, and teacher turnover rates will increase which will mean an end to continuity in the classroom.

Teachers who are upwardly mobile may not wish to purchase a house in a community in case they cannot sell it if they move to another community.

We understand the intent of the policy, however we believe the Government should give more thought to these concerns before they implement it.

Sincerely

Duncan Cunningham (Chairperson Iqaluit Education Council)

c.c. Honourable Ms. Cournoyea  
c.c. Honourable Dennis Patterson

