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Mr. Joe Arlooktook
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LAKE HARBOUR, N.W.T.
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Dear Mr. Arlooktook:

Re: Cape Dorset Education Council Concern

In reference to a call we received from your secretary, Mary Akavak, on January 16, asking if Education Council had any concerns for you to take to the N.W.T. Legislative Assembly next month.

Education Council had its regular meeting on January 22, where the matter concerning the shortage of staff housing was discussed.

There are 8 staff houses which are being occupied by 11 staff at present. Total of staff teaching at Pitsiulaaq School is 14; where Classroom Assistants and Special Needs Assistants are not included. Since there are only 8 staff houses available for staff to live in; the remaining 3 staff are fortunately living in other houses. We were fortunate enough to hire the 2 staff who did not need to be accommodated in staff houses. Fortunately private housing was leased by the government when the 3rd staff member was hired a few months ago. The staff member accommodated in the private leased house will only be teaching until June. It is possible that the house the staff is occupying at the moment may not be leased afterwards.

One of the staff members living in a non-staff house, who is on a term position, will be leaving in March; fortunately the staff will be replaced by a person living in a private house. Had this not been so, we would not have been able to find accommodation.

Last year when hiring was being done, we had to keep in mind the number of staff houses available for accommodation. We had to try and hire couples who were both teachers; and this situation limited our choice in hiring of staff.

We are aware that we will need to keep in mind the shortage of staff houses again this year when hiring takes place; and hope that it will not be too serious. Shortage of staff houses will definitely discriminate against single staff from being hired; which is not fair to single applicants or to the Education Council.

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