

September 14/89

Lake Harbour Education Council
Lake Harbour, N.W.T.

Joe Arlooktoo
Member of the Legislative Assembly
Lake Harbour, N.W.T.

Dear Joe,

As you probably know by now the Government of the N.W.T. has been making decisions unilaterally without consultation and agreement with the Baffin Divisional Board on their funding contributions. This fiscal year they decided to change funding from 60%-20%-20% to 40%-20%-20%-20%. Now they have made a proposal to issue funding monthly to Boards across the N.W.T. This would cut the Baffin Divisional Boards interest revenues by \$500,000. The interest that the Board generates are used to make Inuktitut books, develop 'Pimqtavut' program, in-service training and special needs. These initiatives which would otherwise be unfunded will be affected drastically. Therefore we would like your support to oppose this proposal in the next Legislative Assembly meeting.

Thank you for your support and co-operation on this very important matter. If you require further inform or want to discuss this matter with us please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,


Mikidjuk Kolola
Vice-Chairman

CC. Joe Enook

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Community Education Council
General Delivery
Cape Dorset, N.W.T.
XOA OCO

September 11, 1989

Honourable Member Joe Arlooktoo
Legislative Assembly
Yellowknife, N.W.T.

Dear Mr. Arlooktoo,

As a council representing the education of our young people, we are disappointed and discouraged by the government's decision to change the funding formula given to Divisional Boards of Education.

This proposed change in the funding formula will result in a decrease in the amount that the boards have to continue developing and supporting exciting education initiatives in the north.

Being a Community Education Council, we are concerned that the government's decision will cause the people of Cape Dorset to take a step backward in educating their students. We are asking your support as our M.L.A. representative in asking the government to revert their decision to change the funding formula to proposed contribution arrangements of 40%, 20%, 20%, and 20% back to the original contribution arrangements of 60%, 20%, and 20%.

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Thank you for assisting us in a matter which is of great concern to us. If you have any questions you might want to ask us, please do not hesitate to contact us at Pitseolak School. Our phone numbers are (819) 897-8826/8911.

Sincerely,

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Laisa Qaqjuraqjuk
CEC Chairman

cc. Mr. Joe Enook, Chairman, Baffin Divisional Board of Education
enc. Mr. Enook's letter to Cape Dorset CEC
Cape Dorset CEC's letter and motion #026/89-90 supporting
B.D.E.'s request.

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Community Education Council
General Delivery
Cape Dorset, N.W.T.
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September 11, 1989

Mr. Joe Enook
Chairman
Baffin Divisional Board of Education
P.O. Box 1330
Igloolik, N.W.T.
XOA OHO

Dear Mr. Enook,

At our last C.E.C. meeting of Sept. 7th, the Cape Dorset C.E.C. discussed the change in government funding arrangements to Divisional Education Boards and we would like to reiterate your concerns as well as express our concerns to the B.D.B.E. and to the government.

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter to our MLA, Mr. Joe Arlooktoo and a copy of the motion #026/89-90.

If there is anything we can do as a council to assist you in helping the government revert back to the agreed upon formula, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Laisa Uqjuraqjuk
CEC Chairman
Cape Dorset

cc. Mr. Joe Arlooktoo, M.L.A. South Baffin

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CHAIRMAN

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August 31, 1989

Joe Arlooktoo
Member of Legislative Assembly
LAKE HARBOUR, N.W.T.
XOA ONO

We are writing to you as a MLA for one of the communities where the school is operated by the Baffin Divisional Board of Education. We are very concerned about an issue relating to funding of our Board. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the facts, as we know them and to ask for your support in this issue.

The Baffin Divisional Board of Education was established on April 10, 1985 and became the first Divisional Board of Education in the Northwest Territories. The intent was to bring the management and control of education in the Baffin closer to the people of the region and to allow for more flexibility and input in the delivery of education program. It was understood that by giving more local control to the people of the region, the education system would be more responsive to the needs and aspirations of the people and that a higher quality of education would result.

Funding for the operation of the education program was turned over to the Board. Initially, the Board received payments from the GNWT three times yearly. The original payment directive outlined in the agreement signed by the Board, stated that the payments would be issued to the Board at the rate of 60%, 20% and 20% at the beginning of the first, second and third quarters respectively. It was understood that the Board would generate interest revenue on the monthly surplus. This revenue would enable the Board to fund important initiatives and priorities otherwise unfunded by the Department of Education.

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During the 1988/89 fiscal year, the Baffin Divisional Board of Education earned approximately \$670,000.00 in interest revenue. This was achieved by investing our quarterly payments carefully and getting the best return possible for our money. With this interest revenue, the Board has been able to fund a number of important initiatives that are designed to further the goals outlined in "Our Future in Now". The bulk of this money has been put into the development and publication of Inuktitut books, the "Piniagtavut" program, in-service training of staff and special needs. We feel that we have made very significant progress in these areas and that the money we have earned has been used wisely. We have received excellent response from CECs, parents and educators on the quality and direction of our efforts in developing an educational program that better meets the needs of the children of the Baffin. However, we are really only in the very beginning stages and much more work and development is required. This development will take place only if we have the funding and flexibility to continue our efforts.

For the present fiscal year (1989/90) our contributions were changed from 60%-20%-20% to 40%-20%-20%-20%. Although we had a signed agreement with the Government specifying our funding contribution at 60%-20%-20%, it was changed unilaterally by the Government without any consultation with the Divisional Board. With this change, our projected revenue from interest for the 1989/90 fiscal year will be about \$360,000.00. This will mean a reduction in revenue of approximately \$310,000.00 from the last fiscal year. Needless to say, this reduction in revenue will have a serious impact on the development of programs in Inuktitut, as well as other areas we have referred to previously. This decision to change the payment policy for this fiscal year, without our consultation and agreement, has caused us great concern. The Executive Committee of the Board met earlier this week and we were most distressed to learn that this change had taken place for this fiscal year. It was our feeling that we have a signed agreement with the Government and that no changes should be made in the agreement unless there is consultation and acceptance by both parties.

We have been informed that a further change to the payment directive will take effect April 01, 1990. We have received a letter stating that our payments from the Government will come on a monthly basis, effective April 01, 1990.

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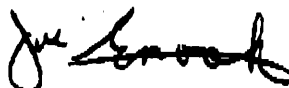
This decision has again been made unilaterally and without consultation with our Board. Our financial officers at the Board have made projectives on the impact of this change and it appears that our interest revenue for the 1990/91 fiscal year will be approximately \$150,000.00. In effect this will mean a loss of revenue of over \$500,000.00 in comparison to interest earning during the 1988/89 fiscal year. We feel this will give us virtually no flexibility to development initiative on programs to meet our needs and that the quality of our program will be drastically affected.

We understand that the change in funding payments to Boards and agencies will probably be a matter raised at the October sitting of the Legislative Assembly. We feel strongly that this policy directive must be changed and would like to request your support and assistance in reversing the policy. Local control of education and the development of quality educational programs are key issues to our Board. We must have access to the interest dollars to continue the work that we have begun.

The Baffin Divisional Board of Education will be holding it's 14th General Session in Iqaluit from October 18 to 20, 1989. The Executive Committee of the Board will be meeting on October 16 and 17, also in Iqaluit. We would like to meet with you to discuss the matter of interest revenue and the implications that this change will have on our Board. If you are passing through Iqaluit at this time, we would like to arrange a meeting to discuss this issue. Please contact me if you wish to arrange a meeting. I can be reached in Pond Inlet at 897-8779, or through the Divisional Board Office at 979-5236.

I appreciate this opportunity to get in contact with you and look forward to working together with you on trying to resolve this matter.

Sincerely,



Joe Enook
Chairman
B.D.B.E.