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Housing Needs for Teachers - Pangnirtung

As you are aware the population in the community of Pangnirtung is rising each year with the result that the school enrollment is increasing on an annual basis. This means that the school needs more teachers to offer school programs to the students. Unfortunately the chronic shortage of Government accomodation in this community means that the Education Council has been unable to fill all of the vacancies for teachers and that this year the school is short of one teaching position. Two teachers are also sharing a G.N.W.T. staff house which is not acceptable.

It is our understanding that the Government has no plans to build any more staff accomodation in the communities and that no units are planned for Pangnirtung in the next fiscal year. This will make it very difficult to staff teaching positions at the school and may mean that class sizes will be very large. It will mean that teachers in Pangnirtung are facing larger classes than other educators across the N.W.T. where the teacher/pupil formula is in place.

As the M.L.A. for our community we are requesting that you raise the need for housing for our teachers at the next session of the Legislative Assembly. There is an urgent need for long term planning to ensure that our children can receive the education they deserve as residents of the Northwest Territories.

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