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Housing needs for teachers - Arctic Bay

As you are aware the population in the community of Arctic Bay 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 there is a chronic shortage of Government accomodation in this community and two teachers are sharing a staff house which is not acceptable. The G.N.W.T. has leased four housing units in the community over the last ~~few~~ ^{100k} years.

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 Arctic Bay in the next fiscal year. We are anticipating an increase of a half time teaching position in the community and it is evident that there is no housing available for the teacher who might be hired. This will mean that teachers in Arctic Bay are facing greater challenges 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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