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Hon. Dennis Patterson
Minister of Education
Government of the N.W.T.
Yellowknife, N.W.T.
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Dear Sir:

The parties whose names are attached here^{to} wish to forcefully draw to your attention their objection to the proposed cuts in educational spending. While we understand and support the necessity to curtail government spending we feel that the government should re-examine their priorities and make the cut-backs in areas other than education. If after re-examining your priorities, you still consider it essential to make cuts in Education, we recommend that these cuts be made at the administrative level.

We also feel strongly that your Governments stated objectives of encouraging Territorial and Regional economic development will be less successful unless education receives your full support.

We ask that you re-examine the allocation of surplus monies from the 1987 budget, and apply the required funding to continue to support education at current levels. It is our understanding that some of this surplus could lapse due to programs not being completed. Again we urge you to use every effort to avoid the proposed cut-backs in education. We offer our collective support to assist your government in their continuing initiatives to provide excellent educational opportunities to the people of the Northwest Territories.

Yours respectfully,

Eddie Dillon
Chairman
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c.c.: Executive Council

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