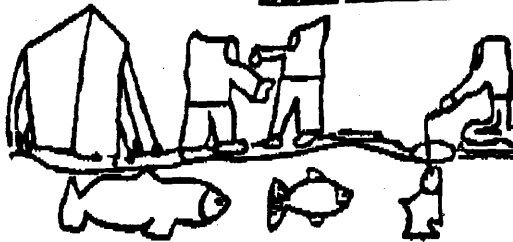


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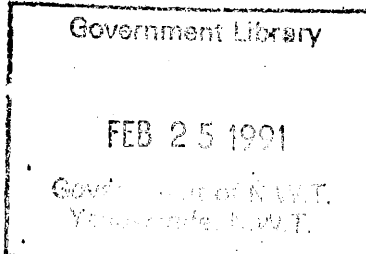


Community Education



Rankin Inlet February 18, 1991

Nellie Cournoyea
Minister
Department of Public Works
Government of the N.W.T.
Yellowknife, N.W.T.



Dear Ms. Cournoyea:

On behalf of the Community Education Council and by the concerned parents and staff of the Leo Ussak Elementary School, I am writing you this brief report on the continuing problem of the air ventilation systems at the school.

Soon after our meeting with you, in early December 1990, an adjustment was done on one of the 3 major air intake systems in the school, and the air ventilation problem seemed to have been rectified at that time. As you are aware the air ventilation problem has been recurring since school started in January 1991.

In the consultants report, by Appin Associates of Winnipeg, it states that one of the major air intake systems is not able to function to provide adequate fresh air to a certain area of the school. We also know that the entire air ventilation system in the school automatically shuts off in the early evenings and goes back on early in the mornings. These 2 major items directly contribute to the air ventilation problem in the school.

Without the adequate fresh air ventilation in the school, students and teachers in some areas of the school have been experiencing headaches, eye irritations, and nausea, caused by some unknown odor in the air.

With the increasing concern by the parents for their childrens' health, although they're equally concerned on the number of days being missed from school, the C.E.C. passed a motion on February 12, 1991 agreeing that students be sent home for the day when the odor is causing discomfort to the students and teachers. Since November 6th the school has been closed down to students and teachers for a total of 7-1/2 days!

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Until this problem is rectified, our students and teachers will continue their daily programs in this unacceptable manner.

Urgently awaiting your response.



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