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TO: **Mr. Peter Ernerk**

FROM: **J.F. Rouble**
President NWT TA

RE: **Leo Ussak School**

On March 5, 1991 I visited Leo Ussak School to discuss Association business with members of staff. When I entered the school at 14:45 hours I found the heat oppressive and the air stale.

Moving about the school I found some classes being taught in the halls and several students had removed their shirts seeking relief from the heat which I understand was in excess of 30°C in several classrooms.

At 15:30 hours I examined a scientific thermometer that had been placed on the Secretary's desk in the main office and it read 29° C.

I met with several members of staff who were very concerned with the situation and a further meeting was arranged for 16:00 hours March 6, 1991.

During the course of the evening I read the APPIN report which verified heating and air exchange problems in the school and listed CO₂ readings of 800 - 1600 PPM, well in excess of the acceptable 1000 PPM. The report stated that excessive CO₂ could result in various manifestations of malaise e.g. headaches, dizziness and nausea; all negative factors for effective teaching and learning.

I arrived at the school at 10:30 hours on March 6, 1991 and it was reported that the morning temperature at school opening at 8:30 was 11° C and at 10:30 it was 16° C verified by myself.

The preceding verifies in my own mind that there are serious problems with the heating/ventilation/exhaust system of the school a position that is supported by reports from independent sources. Further, the situation as it now exists, inhibits rather than encourages effective teaching and learning.

The situation was ventilated thoroughly at a NWT TA meeting March

6, 1991 at 16:00 hours. The teachers agreed that they would not walk out because of their obligations to the GNWT and their pupils. However, they will request a move to a different location; so that their classes can be taught in an atmosphere that is conducive to learning until repairs to the existing school are completed. If the request is refused, or can not be complied with, by the CEC the teachers will respond by reporting for duty at the following times 8:45 - 12:00, 13:00 - 15:30 and refusing to be involved in any extra curricular or community activities scheduled in Leo Ussak School.

I trust the preceding clearly outlines the position of the NWTTA.

Yours truly,



John F. Rouble
President

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