

RESPONSE TO PETITION NWT GOVERNMENT 1 1991

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Petition tabled by Mr. Kilabuk on February, 15, 1991

Response by the Honourable Stephen Kakfwi Minister of Education

## **REQUEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL - PANGNIRTUNG**

The Pangnirtung Education Council requests the immediate construction of a new school in the community.

The present school facilities in Pangnirtung consist of the old eleven classroom school, the new primary school which has five classrooms with a double multi-purpose classroom and three old portables. A major renovation is being considered for the old school but before this renovation project can start, we must add to the new Alookie school. This will allow for adequate classroom space to house the students who must vacate parts of the old school while renovations are underway. The design funds for this addition are included in the Department's 1991-92 Capital Main Estimates.

An evaluation of the old school can start in 1991-92 to determine what renovations are necessary. It is planned that the oldest section will be demolished. The Education Council and school staff will be consulted during the evaluation of the old school and development of a program for the proposed renovations.

In the future, Pangnirtung will have the new Alookie School for the kindergarten to grade 6 program and a modernized Attagoyuk School for the junior and senior high school program. We will also be able to dispose of the old portable classrooms so more playground space for the children is available.