

Petition tabled by the Clerk of the House on February 25, 1991

Response by the Honourable Stephen Kakfwi
Minister of Education

LITERACY PROGRAMS FUNDING - FORT MCPHERSON

The Department of Education has recognized the seriousness of the illiteracy issue in the Northwest Territories. The Department launched a major literacy initiative in 1988-89 and announced a refined Northwest Territories Literacy Strategy during the Fall 1990 sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

The N.W.T. Literacy Strategy has provided additional funding for literacy programs in each of the past three fiscal years, totalling just over \$2 million. Funds were allocated to Arctic College for additional literacy programs, that would enhance the College's mandate to deliver adult basic education and literacy programs at the community level. The College has added literacy programs, in every region, through the community learning centres and particularly in communities without a resident adult educator. Secondly, funding was made available to non-governmental, community-based programs through the Community Literacy Projects Fund to support innovative approaches to illiteracy. The same level of (additional) funding is incorporated into the 1991-92 Department of Education budget currently before the Legislative Assembly.

The residents of Fort Mcpherson, or any community in the Inuvik region, may submit a proposal (through the Local Education Authority, the Band Council or a similar non-governmental organization) for literacy program funding under the Community Literacy Projects Fund. The deadline for 1991-92 funding is April 15, 1991. Information is available from the Literacy Office, Department of Education, GNWT, Yellowknife, X1A 2L9.

Specific program plans or requests for a literacy program through Arctic College may be submitted to the Aurora Campus of Arctic College through the local adult educator; or where there is no adult educator, directly to the Campus.



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HON. STEVE KAKFWI,
 MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.

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In accordance with Rule 57(9), I wish to transmit the following petition tabled during the 8th Session.

Petition No. 11-91(1) presented by Mr. Nerysoo

I wish to remind you that Rule 57(10) requires a response within 60 days of presentation for tabling in the House.


 David M. Hamilton,
 Clerk.

Attachment