



Northwest Territories Teachers' Association

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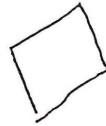


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TO: **Divisional Education Councils
District Education Authorities
Directors of Education**

FROM: Pat Thomas

RE: **Housing**



At the recent NWT TA Central Executive meeting held on December 6, 1997, the Regional Presidents' Representative reported on regional concerns.

A crucial concern across the Northwest Territories for teachers is that of housing. The cost of housing, the poor quality of available rental units and the high cost of utilities is making it next to impossible for our members to continue teaching in the NWT.

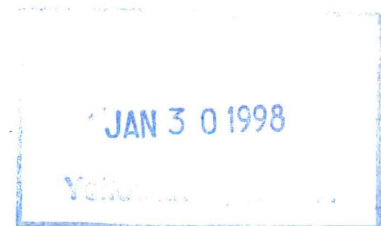
Our members are telling us that they are finding it extremely difficult to live in our smaller communities. The quality of education will suffer if we continue to lose experienced northern teachers. This is a grave concern for the NWT TA.

The NWT TA urges the Divisional Education Councils and the District Education authorities to take a proactive role in this area. It may become necessary for DEC's and DEA's to become actively involved in supplying affordable, adequate housing to teachers.

Please visit the school/s in your area and discuss this issue with our members.

Thank you.

Patricia (Pat) Thomas
President



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cc: Central Executive
Regional Presidents

Local Receiving Officers
All MLA's