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Hon. David Krutko, M.L.A.
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Dear Mr. Krutko;

Re: Educational Needs and Funding

As the years past we are seeing more cuts in our school budgets. We are supposed to be getting ahead in handling the operation of our schools. Nevertheless, the way the Legislative Assembly gives out money, schools usually end in a deficit or have to bum around for money to make ends meet. Yet the Legislative Assembly sits in an expensive building and the members are well-taken care of.

In order for our children to meet the needs of today's society their education is more important than ever. The teaching staffs have a difficult time working with 15 - 20 students, and more students are being added to the list each year. Yet the Legislative Assembly continues to cut the education budget, not keeping the students needs in mind. Come back to earth and join the rest of us who have common sense.

We require a desperate need of help for special needs students. Staff cannot work adequately when they have at least three or more special needs students in their class. We are asking a little too much of our teachers, and they are burning out. How many of you are willing to take on this task without proper resource available to you, when there is a shortage of text books, work books and research material.

We are asking you to think extra hard before you take another penny from the education budget. In return, increase the budget and keep the children in mind.

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