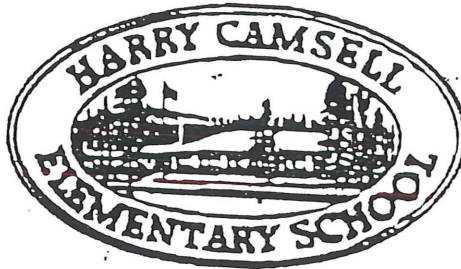


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To the Ministers and MLA's of the
Government of the Northwest Territories
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Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: Educational Investment

Education is an investment in our future. The NWT has a potentially bright future, but it is up to you to help us realize that potential. I urge you to take action in support of our students and their future.

Financial restrictions have created problems of overcrowded classrooms, lack of resource materials, and especially, a lack of qualified support personnel. Students who require additional attention for any reason (academic challenges, behaviour problems, social challenges) do not have assured access to that attention because there are not enough qualified adults in the building.

Schools find themselves with too few teachers to fulfill all the requirements of their students: academically, culturally, socially, and emotionally. The teachers we do have are being asked to do more and more with less and less. Although teachers are a talented, dedicated group of people, there is a limit to what they can do. It is frustrating to see the need for certain programs and be unable to deliver those programs.

This situation must not be allowed to continue. We must provide the children across the territories with the best learning environment possible for them to develop educationally, emotionally, and socially and to become the next leaders.

In order to make changes to correct these problems, our government needs to look at providing the necessary funding now so that our students have the opportunity to become the best they can be. I urge you, the government members, to take a pro-active approach and invest in our future.

Sincerely,



M. Osted (Mrs.)
Teacher

cc: Pat Thomas, President NWTTA

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May 26, 1998

Manitok Thompson
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Legislative Assembly
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Dear Ms. Thompson

We are writing to you to express our concern with the amount of funding allocated to education over the years. Lack of funding has hurt our education system to the point where it is suffering. Education must be made a priority again and funding must reflect this.

Children in Coral Harbour are not getting the education they deserve because of lack of funding. Sakku school has experienced the effects of inadequate funding. Increased class sizes and lack of resources to deliver programs and curricula are hurting our students. As the District Education Authority for Coral Harbour, this concerns us greatly and we urge you to take action.

More money must be allocated in the upcoming budget so that our children can receive the best education possible.

We urge you to raise your concerns with Mr. Charles Dent, the Honourable Minister of Education Culture and Employment, as well as the Cabinet and to raise questions during this sitting to ensure that more money is allocated to education in the upcoming budget. We want more funds allocated to our school so that our children get the education they deserve.

Additionally, we are extremely concerned over the shortage of, quality of and cost of housing for school staff. Presently we are in a situation where we do not have enough housing for our teachers for the 1998 - 1999 academic year. Teachers are experiencing undue hardship due to the cutbacks in staff, benefits, the sell off of government housing and the high cost of living. Staff with children in may cases cannot "afford" to be teachers in the Northwest Territories. It is becoming increasingly difficult to keep experienced staff and to recruit replacements. This situation does not bode well for the educational process in the Territories.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,
Coral Harbour District Education Authority

cc Pat Thomas, President, NWTTA
All Cabinet Members and MLAs

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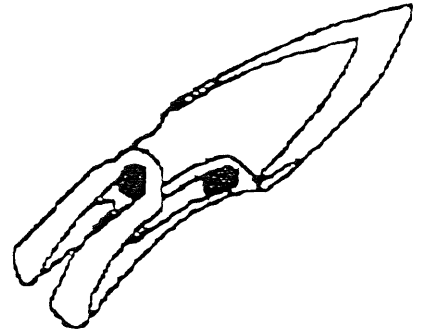
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