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Attention: Cathy Towtongie, Constituency, Rankin Inlet North & Chesterfield Inlet

**RE: The Workshop, or Industrial Tech Class Room & School Bus Heated Garage**

The District Education Authority of Chesterfield Inlet raised an issue with regards to Workshop room, and heated Garage for School Bus service at Victor Sammurtok School on their previous DEA regular meeting; the workshop that was designed by previous engineer on behalf of Dept. of Education late 1980's was not properly design as expected, as it is only design for classroom space, and not industrial tech/ wood working shop. The workshop is very limited to provide wood working space or range of alternate programmes needed in our school, as part of credit programs for elementary/ senior students. There is no space storage for tools, equipments, or materials including class for students etc... further to this matter workshop room has no proper air ventilation unit system (not at all) for wood working, which causes air wood dust debris to hallway area near workshop; it is also next door to kitchen classroom.

The other issue is heated garage for school bus service during extreme cold weather season, which causes to burn more diesel fuel when operating heat to keep bus warm, and more expensive to maintain service when operating annually. Without proper facilities, designs or infrastructure for Victor Sammurtok School this limits our school to provide programmes needed with quality of Education and services needed. If school bus require maintenance during extreme cold weather season there is no space available or infrastructure for bus maintenance but only concludes to, only if space in available in our community i.e. garage building for maintenance service due to limited space.

Therefore, the District Education Authority of Chesterfield Inlet is requesting if the Dept. of Education, Government of Nunavut can support and assist Victor Sammurtok School for added new Industrial Tech Class/ Wood Working Shop combined with school Bus Garage to provide services needed or extra programmes, and maintenance of bus service in our school (if or when required), which currently is not available in our school, as this has been an issue for many years up to date.

We look forward to your generous response. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Doriana Sammurtok, DEA Chairperson**

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Cc: The Minister of Education, Honourable David Joanase, Legislative Assembly of Nunavut, Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0