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Doriana Sammurtok, Chairperson  
Chesterfield Inlet District Education Authority  
P.O. Box 130  
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**Re: Workshop or Industrial Tech Classroom and School Heated Garage**

Dear Chairperson Sammurtok,

Thank you for your letter dated March 4, 2021 in which you ask for a heated garage and a workshop room for Victor Sammurtok School. In 2015, my Manager, Capital Planning worked very closely with then-principal Jay Boucher, who was a red seal carpenter, to design an efficient dust collection system for the existing shop area in the school.

The amount of dust that was coming from the shop to the rest of the school was excessive and it needed to be addressed. The new system was designed and installed in February 2016. It was designed to collect dust from a table saw, band saw (wood and metal), planer, router table, miter saw, wood lathe, shaper, and osculating spindle sander. With respect to tool storage concern, my Manager, Capital Planning will work with the principal to develop an acceptable solution.

Regarding the request for a heated bus garage, I am sure you are aware there are limited capital funds for the many requests from schools across Nunavut. Currently there are no funds available for a bus garage for the community, and typically bus garages are not part of my department's capital program. In the past when repairs were required, the department used a local garage to do the repairs.

If you require further explanation or information, please do not hesitate to contact Barry Cornthwaite, Manager, Capital Planning, at (867) 975-5647 or [bcornthwaite@gov.nu.ca](mailto:bcornthwaite@gov.nu.ca).

Sincerely,

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Hon. David Joanasié  
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