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Minister of Education, the Honourable David Joanasie
The Legislative Assembly of Nunavut
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RE: Workshop (Industrial Tech Classroom) & Heated Garage (School Bus)

Attention: David Joanasie, Minister of Education

The DEA Chesterfield Inlet raised an issue with regards to the Victor Sammurtok School workshop that was designed by previous engineer late 1980s on behalf of the Department of Education which is not properly designed since it is only plan for classroom space, and not industrial tech nor wood working shop. The workshop is very limited to provide wood working space or range of alternate programs that would be essential in our school education, as part of credit programs for both elementary and senior students. There is no space for tools, equipments, or materials including class sessions for students. The workshop has no proper air ventilation unit (none) for wood working classes, which causes air wood dust debris to hallway near workshop classrooms, and kitchen area, which can be a health issue.

The other issue is heated garage for school bus service during extreme cold weather season, which causes to burn or waist more fuel to operate when operating bus heater to keep warm and a lot more expensive to maintain without heated garage. The present infrastructure in our school facility/ design is insufficient, which limits programmes needed including bus services with maintenance. If school bus requires maintenance during cold temperature season there is neither space available nor proper infrastructures in place for bus service but ONLY if space is available with the Department of Community Government garage building, which is very limited. The District Education Authority has written a letter to the Minister of CG&S, Government of Nunavut but was advice to address this concern to the Department of Education instead.

The DEA Chesterfield Inlet is requesting support from the Department of Education, Nunavut Government for a new Industrial tech classroom/ wood working shop combined with heated school bus garage for bus services, which could also be develop into a small engine repair shop program for students/ teachers, as this community is limited for maintenance due to space issues. We look forward to your response. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Geraldine Kreelak, Chairperson

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