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FILE NO. 431/25-11-136

— INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH —  
DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

SUBJECT **Kenora - Father Moss Joint School**

VOLUME FROM *Jan. 20/67*  
*May 25/67*

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FATHER MOSS JOINT SCHOOL

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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Regional School Superintendent,  
Toronto.

40905 MAY 31 1967

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De Assistant Chief Superintendent, Education Services

DATE May 25, 1967

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet Father Moss School - Joint School No. 323

With reference to the above joint agreement, please be advised that all correspondence concerning the above agreement has been placed on file No. 431/25-11-136 . Please refer to our file number when writing in connection with this joint school.

*M. A. Densdale*

*for*  
G. K. Gooderham.

*By*

REGISTERED MAIL

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Box 30, Kenora, Ontario.

Mr. Alex Beaudreau,  
Municipal Affairs Department,  
22 Cumberland Street,  
PORT ARTHUR, Ontario.

431/25-11-136 (E)

February 27, 1967.

Dear Mr. Beaudreau:

Enclosed please find Government of Canada cheque No. GP407 0450485, dated February 13, 1967, in the amount of \$6,268.71, made payable to the Roman Catholic Separate School Improvement District of Sioux Narrows. This amount is full share of Branch contribution for the installation of a new septic field.

Also enclosed is Memorandum of Agreement with the Board duly signed by Branch officials and officials of the Board.

Yours very truly,



P. C. Clarkin,  
District School Superintendent.

/jj  
Enc. 2

cc: Regional Superintendent of Schools, ←  
Toronto, Ontario.

REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. P.C. Clarkin,  
District School Superintendent,  
Box 30, Kenora, Ontario.

431/25-11-136 (E)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

20 February 67

Joint Agreement - Father Moss School - Septic Field

We are attaching hereto Government of Canada Cheque No: GP 407 0450485, dated 13 February 1967, in the amount of \$6,268.71, made payable to the Roman Catholic Separate School Improvement District of Sioux Narrows. This amount is full share of Branch contribution for the installation of a new septic field.

We also attach two copies of Memorandum of Agreement duly signed by Branch officials. Please forward one copy of Memorandum of Agreement together with cheque to the Board, via Municipal Affairs, Port Arthur.

When we have received Agreement Number from Headquarters covering this agreement, this information will be forwarded to your office. We will however, continue to use the file number quoted above for correspondence concerning this agreement.

H.B. Rodine

Encl:  
mjm

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT MADE THIS

8th

DAY OF

February

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BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in right of Canada  
represented herein by the Minister of  
Indian Affairs and Northern Development,  
hereinafter called "the Minister"

OF THE FIRST PART

AND

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT  
DISTRICT OF SIOUX NARROWS, in the Province of  
Ontario, hereinafter called "the Board"

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Roman Catholic Separate School Improvement  
District of Sioux Narrows (formerly known as the Sioux Narrows Board of  
Catholic School Trustees) in the Province of Ontario, has agreed in  
Memorandum of Agreement dated March 16th, 1964, to supply classroom  
accommodation necessary for the education of Indian children and to  
accept Indian children for enrolment in the Father Moss School.

AND WHEREAS the Board has carried out construction of a  
septic tank to meet the requirements of the Northwestern Health Unit,  
at a cost of \$9,297.41, and the Minister has agreed to pay 89/132 of the  
amount of this improvement, or \$6,268.71.

AND WHEREAS the Minister shall pay to the Board the sum  
of \$6,268.71 upon the execution of this agreement.

THIS MEMORANDUM is to be read with and attached to the  
Memorandum of Agreement dated March 16th, 1964.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set  
their hand and seal and corporate seal respectively, the day and year  
first above written.

*M. McLaughlin*  
.....  
Witness

*[Signature]*  
.....  
Assistant Deputy Minister (Indian Affairs)

*A. M. [Signature]*  
.....  
Witness

*R. Mathieu*  
.....  
Board Chairman

*[Signature]*  
.....  
Secretary-Treasurer.

INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

PAYMENT VOUCHER

PAY TO: THE ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OF SIOUX NARROWS

ADDRESS: Return cheque to Miss S. Trappitt,  
Room 665A,  
2-0215

SPECIAL

INVOICE NO.	DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
	9-2-67	Payment in full re contribution towards septic tank, Father Moss School, approved by Asst. Deputy Minister, Dec. 22, 1966.	\$6,268.71

450485  
FEB 13 1967

FILE NO. 129/25-11-136(E4) PURCHASE ORDER NO.

VOUCHER NO.	SPECIAL COSTING CODE	RESPONSIBILITY CENTRE	ALLOTMENT	SUB ACTIVITY	SUB OBJECT	AMOUNT	CR	BATCH NO.
	879	131	350	2239	6299	6,268 71		

Requisitioned pursuant to Section 31 of the Financial Administration Act; and approved for payment subject to certification under Section 32 of the Financial Administration Act.

Certified pursuant to Section 32 of the Financial Administration Act. No item of this account has been previously certified.

DATE AUTHORIZED OFFICER

9-2-67 ORIGINAL SIGNED BY P. DEZIEL  
DATE AUTHORIZED OFFICER

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AUDITED	APPROVED	CHEQUE NO.
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REGISTERED

TO  
A

Mr. H.B. Rodine,  
Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
Toronto, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

431/25-11-136(E)

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25-11-136(E<sub>1</sub>)

DATE

February 14, 1967.

FROM  
De

Director, Education Services

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Father Moss School--Septic Tank

With reference to your memorandum of February 2nd, enclosed are three completed copies of Memorandum of Agreement together with a cheque for \$6,268.71 representing payment in full of the Branch's contribution towards septic tank facilities at the Father Moss School.

  
R.F. Davey.

Enc

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa,  
Attn: Director, Education Division

129/25-11-136 (E.10)

431/25-11-136 (E)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

2 February 67

Memorandum of Agreement - Septic Field - Father Moss School

We attach hereto five copies of Memorandum of Agreement, duly signed by representatives of the Sioux Narrows Separate School Board, for signature of Branch representatives.

We also attach a copy of memorandum from the District School Superintendent, Kenora, in which he outlines the procedure now followed with respect to this particular school board.

We trust that when the attached Memorandum of Agreement has been signed by Headquarters representatives, cheque will issue.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

BY

H. B. RODINE

H.B. Rodine

Encl:

mjm

c.c. District School Superintendent, Kenora

# MEMORANDUM

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TO  
A

Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
Toronto, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136 (E)  
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OUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

District School Superintendent,  
Kenora, Ontario.

DATE Jan. 25, 1967.

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Memorandum of Agreement - Septic Field, Father Moss School

Enclosed please find five copies of Agreement indicated above.

These were forwarded by this office to Mr. Alex Beaudreau, at Department of Municipal Affairs, Room 5, 22 Cumberland Street, Port Arthur, Ontario.

He, in turn, forwarded them to the Separate School Board at Sioux Narrows for signature by the board chairman and the secretary-treasurer.

P. C. Clarkin.  
/jj  
Enc. 5

MEMORANDUM 027530

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TO  
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Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
Toronto, Ontario.

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Notre dossier

FROM  
De

District School Superintendent,  
Kenora, Ontario.

DATE Jan. 13, 1967.

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Sioux Narrows Joint School - Possible Expansion

I have received your memorandum of January 9, 1967 on the above subject.

On January 11, 1967, a report of a recent visit by me to Sioux Narrows was forwarded to you from this office. Please advise if it contains the information you requested or if some points require elaboration or were omitted.

It may be of value to know that Father Ferron has no legal power to speak for the Separate School Board. He admitted this freely to me. Whether the Board itself has any power of decision making is open to question since the Provincial-Municipal Board has taken over the administration.

Also, the Public School Board has, to date, made no decision on expanding into a program that will require a new building. Until the present entanglements are straightened out, they will not even consider the matter.

P. C. Clarkin.  
/jj

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Box 30, Kenora, Ontario.

431/25-11-136

January 17, 1967. *E*

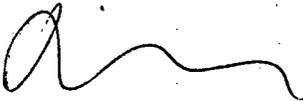
Mr. Alex Beaudreau,  
Municipal Affairs,  
Room 5,  
22 Cumberland Street,  
Port Arthur, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Beaudreau:

Further to our telephone conversation of January 17, 1967, I am enclosing Memorandum of Agreement in five copies covering Indian Affairs Branch share of cost for the construction of a new septic field at Father Moss School at Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Would you please have these signed and witnessed by the appropriate authorities and returned to this office to be forwarded for completion.

Yours very truly,



P. C. Clarkin,  
District School Superintendent.

/jj  
Enc. 5

cc: Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
Toronto, Ontario.

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Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa  
Attn: Director, Education Services

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Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

18 January 67

Sioux Narrows Joint School

In reference to your memorandum of December 6th, I have made further specific inquiries and I attach herewith Mr. Clarkin's findings in the area of Sioux Narrows. Mr. Clarkin's report would tend to establish that the proposed amalgamation as envisaged by Reverend Father Ferron does not yet have total public acceptance.

In my opinion, any further amalgamation in this area must have the distinct co-operation of Catholic and Protestant parents, and also I believe it wise for us to wait until Manpower has clearly defined the direction in which it will go before the Branch would find itself involved in capital investment in an adult education or up-grading wing.

Be assured that this matter will not be dropped, but will be reviewed periodically to determine progress and trends.

H.B. Rodino

HEB:ajm  
Encl:

*B.F. to 18 Feb.  
periodic review*

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# MEMORANDUM

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FROM  
De

District School Superintendent,  
Kenora, Ontario.

DATE Jan. 11, 1967.

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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Education Picture at Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Enclosed please find confidential report of my visit to Sioux Narrows,  
December 28 and 29, 1966.

P. C. Clarkin.  
/jj  
Enc.

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THE EDUCATION PICTURE AT  
SIOUX NARROWS, ONTARIO.

The account which follows can lay no claim to scientific validity because it reflects only value judgments of a segment of the adult population of Whitefish Bay Indian reserve; of members of the Public and Separate School Boards of Sioux Narrows; of Rev. Father Ferron, who is Catholic Missionary in the district.

I spent two days at Sioux Narrows, December 28 and 29, 1966, and did not choose to meet the School Boards as a body because I felt that a less formal setting might prove more effective for my purpose. I am personally acquainted with all the people I met. The result -- they spoke freely and, in some instances, with highly-charged emotion.

My first avenue of investigation was the finance situation as it exists in the Improvement District of Sioux Narrows. It was revealed that both commercial and home assessment for public school purposes was \$709,875.00 for the last fiscal year. The mill rate was struck at 29. For the separate school, the comparable figure was \$160,545.00, with a mill rate of 32.1. The separate school rate would, thus, barely pay the salary of one teacher. Of course, they recover a much higher amount by way of government grant to cover operational costs -- roughly 80 to 90 per cent as opposed to 50 to 60 per cent.

Discussion with members of the Public School Board showed that they were strongly opposed to any suggestions of taking over the facilities at Father Moss School. Their own school -- a three-room building with all classrooms filled -- is completely paid for. There are twenty-one Indian children in attendance and about seventy non-Indians. They have not taken any projection of school population as they feel that there will be no appreciable growth. Camp owners form the bulk of the adult group and that activity is past its peak with the advent of trailers. The free-spending tourist is now a rare specimen.

This Board has also the responsibility of busing twenty-two of their children to the high school in Kenora each day. Bus costs and tuition are costs that require careful budgeting.

fear of being saddled with the debt of Father Moss School, added to the much lower contribution of the Provincial Government towards operational costs of public schools and the present set-up of the administrative body at that school are deterring factors.

It is almost an impossibility to estimate the demands that the Branch may make on this Board for the entrance of Indian children to their system. Many families are registered as Roman Catholic but they switch their allegiance almost willy-nilly. They elect to declare themselves as Catholic or Protestant depending upon their needs as the occasion requires.

The members of the Separate School Board whom I met estimated the worth of their holdings at Father Moss School at one-quarter of a million dollars. Several buildings under the name of the Diocesan Corporation have been built on their land. The Board has no share of ownership except the land on which they are built. From what I could gather, there exists no formal written agreement between the Board and the Corporation as to the use of this land and the disposition of the buildings or any revenue to be derived from them. Estimates varied from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 regarding their worth. Utilities that serve these buildings are separate from Board-owned property although the accusation has been advanced of tapping-in on electrical and water supply. I did not think it advisable to pursue this aspect.

The school itself has about one hundred ten pupils. Of these, eighty-four are Indian children bused from Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong. A number of non-Indian parents have withdrawn their children because of this imbalance and the unsettled status of the school. Grades are I to VIII.

The quality of teaching has, during the last two school years, been rated as better-than-average by the Provincial Inspector of Schools. The standard among the high school pupils during 1965-66 was, as we know, below level and one of the factors involved in our abandoning the course for our Indian pupils. Six teachers are at present on staff. Word is that this will be reduced to four in September, 1967.

As regards growth of population -- the non-Indian group is stable for the reason advanced in the case of public school supporters. The Indian population will continue to grow at a rate of approximately two per cent. Whether the aims of integration will be realized with such a preponderance of Indian children

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A moot question. At any rate, the physical surroundings have much to offer that the reserve schools cannot equate.

I was rather curious about the existence of so many corporations -- Pawitik, Amik, Sabaskong. Father Ferron, with whom I had a lengthy visit, explained their need as instruments to involve the Indian people in the planning and operation of the complex as it exists and for future planning in the improvement of the reserves and the relocation of Indian families in a site close to the existing Father Moss School. His critics label them as gimmicks that enable him to borrow money and administer it without accounting to anyone. They contend that meetings are few and far between and that he dominates those that are held.

The Indian people to whom I spoke are much confused. I posed the question, "Do you think the school on the reserve should be closed?", to give our discussion a starting point. I could get no conclusive answer. The pros and cons regarding the joint school were explored. Again, Father Ferron had his supporters and his critics. One pointed out that he was willing to "give them the moon" and that "the Government" had lots of money and had to give it to them.

Getting back to my discussion with Father Ferron -- he spoke at some length of the possibilities for use of the facilities that exist for adult education. He envisages something similar to Quetico or Elliot Lake but with focus on skills that the Indian needs -- a center for building parts for pre-fabricated homes, a central machine-shop, a local guild of guides for fishing and hunting, a lumber mill owned and operated by Indians, co-ops in lumbering and fishing, a core of electricians and plumbers.

He was quite critical of the course under Program 5 being offered at this time to the people at Sioux Narrows. Lack of planning, lack of tangible goals, were his principle criticisms.

There are approximately one hundred seventy people in attendance. Of this, one hundred forty-two are Indians. There is potential for much good in this course, but from what I have seen and heard, I am inclined to agree with Father Ferron. The co-ordinator has told me that ninety-seven of those now in attendance will not be eligible for further courses after this year.

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If this be so, the outlook for the future is rather dismal. An added complication is that Branch-sponsored courses will have little chance for success. These people are used to drawing generous allowances which we could not match. I am not aware of any suggestion having been offered for the Branch to take over the complex at Sioux Narrows. But if such be the case, I could not recommend that we enter into any such agreement. The following reasons come to mind:

- a) There would be duplication of services with existing facilities that are not being fully utilized.
- b) There would be a problem of liquidating debts to embark on a project that would be so costly that we would be spending money unwisely.
- c) The school population we could draw from is a nebulous one and too far removed from a big center where placement would be feasible.
- d) Few of our Indian population would adapt to urban living. Indeed, they are loath to leave the reserves.
- e) The problem of staffing would present great difficulty. The calibre of teacher in many of our day schools is evidence of this.

Submitted by P. C. Clarkin,  
District School Superintendent.  
January 11, 1967.

CONFIDENTIAL - To be opened only by Mr. H. B. Rodine

Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
Toronto, Ontario.

431/25-11-136

District School Superintendent,  
Kenora, Ontario.

Jan. 11, 1967.

Education Picture at Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Enclosed please find confidential report of my visit to Sioux Narrows,  
December 28 and 29, 1966.



P. C. Clarkin.  
/jj  
Enc.

District School Superintendent,  
Kenora

431/25-11-136 (E)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

9 January 67

Sioux Narrows Joint School - Possible Expansion

Reverend Father Ferron has made representations to my office and to Headquarters concerning the probability of the amalgamation of the Public and Catholic school supporters of the Sioux Narrows area with the view to their joint support of a new combined public school. The idea would be to have the existing Father Moss School dedicated to special training and adult education.

No representation concerning the possible new public school has been made to my office by any of the Boards concerned. The purpose of this letter then is to determine whether you may have any information on this subject, and, if not, to request that you make discreet inquiries locally and report back to me on the matter by January 23rd.

*HBR*  
H.B. Rodine

HBR:mjm

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18/1/67  
for Ferron  
recess*

District School Superintendent,  
Kenora

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Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

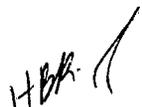
9 January 67

Memorandum of Agreement - Septic Field - Father Moss School

We attach hereto Memorandum of Agreement in five copies covering Branch share of costs for the construction of a new septic field at the Father Moss School.

We have been advised by the Provincial Department of Education that the name to be used is "The Roman Catholic Separate School Improvement District of Sioux Narrows". We were also advised that correspondence should be mailed to c/o Mr. Alex Beaudreau, Municipal Affairs, 5 - 22 Cumberland Street, Port Arthur, Ontario.

We believe it would be wise if you would first make telephone contact with Mr. Alex Beaudreau and confirm these details before mailing the enclosed copies of Memorandum of Agreement to him. When you have confirmed this information, would you please advise this office as whether this mailing address and title are correct.



H.B. Rodine

Encl:  
mjm



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Indian Affairs and  
Northern Development

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Affaires indiennes et  
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date

Ottawa 4, December 30, 1966.

Mr. H.B. Rodine,  
Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Re: Father Moss Joint School,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario

With reference to your memorandum of November 24th, 1966, approval has been obtained for the department to make a capital contribution of \$6,268.71 towards the provision of a septic tank at the above school. In this connection we are enclosing a Memorandum of Agreement and you will note that it has been drafted in favour of the Roman Catholic Separate School Improvement District of Sioux Narrows, which, according to your memorandum of December 9th, is the officiating party now.

  
R.F. Davey.

Attach.



# MEMORANDUM 022074

CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A

Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Regional School Superintendent,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Medical-Dental Building, 2nd Floor,  
1849 Yonge Street,  
TORONTO 7, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136  
Votre dossier E

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136 (E.10)  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

Director, Education Services

DATE December 6, 1966.

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Sioux Narrows Joint School

We are advised today by Father Ferron that there is some local interest in the regional school in the Sioux Narrows area which would take in Nestor Falls. How far they have gone with the negotiations, we are not sure. There is, as you know, some unrest and some dissatisfaction over the disbandment of the separate school board and it would seem that it has generated some discontent over the joint school arrangement both on the part of the Indians and the non-Indians. Apparently, there is some talk of building a new regional school to the south of Sioux Narrows and using the separate school as a training center. All of this information is, of course, second-hand and I think it would be advisable for you to either check with the Department of Education or with the local school superintendent to get a first-hand picture of the situation and to find out how we can resolve the current problems to the satisfaction of the Indians and non-Indians. Needless to say, the Branch is quite prepared to cooperate with the Department and the regional board in the creation of better schooling providing they are prepared to recognize our equity in the separate school.

I should appreciate a brief report on your findings.

R. F. Davey.

c.c. Mr. P. C. Clarkin,  
District School Superintendent,  
Kenora, Ontario.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa.  
Attn: Education Division

431/25-11-136 (E 10)(E.3)

431/25-11-136 (E)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

9 December 66

Septic Field - Father Moss School

This will confirm telephone conversation of 8 December (Mrs. MacNeill - Mr. Gooderham) regarding the new designation of what was formerly known as the Sioux Narrows Separate School Board. We have been advised that this Board is called Roman Catholic Separate School, Improvement District of Sioux Narrows.

Address: Secretary,  
Roman Catholic Separate School,  
Improvement District of Sioux Narrows,  
c/o Mr. Alex Beaudreau,  
Municipal Affairs,  
5 - 22 Cumberland Street,  
Port Arthur, Ontario.

H1B. Rodins

mjm

c.c. District School Superintendent, Kenora

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa  
Attn: Mr. L. Waller, Education Division

431/25-11-136 (E 10)

431/25-11-136 (E 1)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

24 November 66

Septic Field - Father Moss School

We are attaching the following with regard to a request from the Sioux Narrows Separate School Board for the Branch to share in the cost of an essential septic field to be constructed at this school:

- a) Letter dated September 6th in which the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board outlines the events leading to this necessary work being done on an immediate basis. On July 6th, the Board received instructions of the Health Unit that this work must be completed before the school could be re-opened, and actual work was begun on August 11th.
- b) Joint School Submission covering Branch share of cost on the septic field.
- c) Audited statement dated November 8, 1966, from Deloitte, Plender, Haskins and Sells, of Winnipeg re: final costs of septic field.

It will be noted that in the Board's letter of September 6, it is indicated that the Board is in a time of financial stress. Therefore, because of this and because the audited statement is attached in connection with the final completion of this project, may cheque for all of Branch share of this construction be issued at your earliest convenience.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

BY

H. B. RODINE

H.B. Rodine

Encl:

mjm

cc - <sup>encl</sup> Clarkin

cc encl - Supt Kenora

JOINT SCHOOL SUBMISSION

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Assistant Deputy Minister  
(Indian Affairs)

431/25-11-136 (E.10)

**SUBJECT:** JOINT SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION -- Septic Field - Father Moss School

**PROPOSAL:** To enter into an agreement with the Sioux Narrows Separate School Board  
sanitary facilities  
to provide ~~accommodation~~ for Indian pupils in the Father Moss  
School. The School Board  
is constructing a septic field

is  
The enrolment ~~will be~~ 89 Indian pupils from the Whitefish &  
Sabaskong Reserve(s) for a total enrolment of  
132. Our contribution would be 89/132nds.

The Branch has two agreements, No.136, dated 10 March 62, and  
No: 194, dated 16 March 64, and in addition has contributed to  
certain necessary facilities by way of Amendments to Agreements  
Total contribution at present date: \$130,454.76.

**LOCATION:** Address of School Board, Box 218, Sioux Narrows,

**COST:** complete and audited  
The ~~estimated~~ cost of the project is \$9,297.41 and the  
Board is asking Indian Affairs Branch to contribute 89/132nds of total,  
or \$6,337.00, a cost of \$ 71.00  
per pupil.

**CHARGEABLE TO:** Parliamentary Vote 35, Department of Northern Affairs and  
National Resources, Indian Affairs Branch, 1966-67 Estimates.

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**EXPOSITION:**

The construction of this septic field was an emergency  
measure to meet the requirements of the Northwestern Health Unit.  
This project received the approval of the Ontario Department of  
Education.

November 24, 1966

H.B. Rodine

**Date**

**Regional Superintendent of Schools**

**REMARKS:**

This is an essential improvement to this school.

**Date**

**AUTHORITY:**

Treasury Board Minute 601776, dated March 9, 1963.

  
**DELOITTE, PLENDER, HASKINS & SELLS**  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

MONTREAL      OSHAWA      TORONTO      HAMILTON  
WINDSOR      WINNIPEG      REGINA      CALGARY  
EDMONTON      PRINCE GEORGE      VANCOUVER

60 OSBORNE STREET NORTH  
WINNIPEG 1, CANADA

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ASSOCIATED FIRMS IN UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GREAT  
BRITAIN AND OTHER COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

To The Roman Catholic Separate School Board  
Improvement District of Sioux Narrows  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario

In accordance with your instructions, we have examined documents relating to reconstruction of septic fields as advertised on July 29, 1966, and as required by the Northwestern Health Unit. The construction project advertised, as extended by authority of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board in a letter dated August 27, 1966, was completed at a cost of \$9,397.41. The project was inspected and approved by the Northwestern Health Unit.

In our opinion, the construction project was completed and paid for at a cost of \$9,397.41 in accordance with the authority provided by the Assistant Deputy Minister, Mr. H. E. Elborn, in a letter dated July 8, 1966, except that the project included a septic field for the residence occupied by the Secretary-Treasurer.

*Deloitte, Plender, Haskins & Sells*

November 8, 1966

Auditors.

# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

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TO  
A Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
Toronto, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136 (E)  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De District School Superintendent,  
Kenora, Ontario.

DATE Nov. 17, 1966.

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SUBJECT  
Sujet Septic Field - Father Moss School

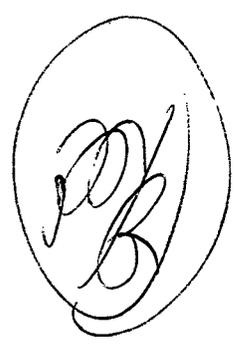
Enclosed please find audited account showing the completed cost of the newly installed septic field at Father Moss School.

We have also at hand, nominal roll of Indian children in attendance at the school as of September 30, 1966. Of the 132 pupils registered, 89 are of Indian status.

I have advised the School Board at Sioux Narrows that their proposal for our sharing in the cost of this septic field will be placed before our proper authorities for consideration.

  
P. C. Clarkin.  
/jj

Enc.



District School Superintendent,  
Kenora

431/25-11-136

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

431/25-11-136 (E)

Septic Field - Father Moss School  
(Your memorandum September 26, 1966)

6 October 66

A review of the file would lead me to believe that every probability exists that the Branch will consider proportionate share of costs on this project.

Before I can obtain a firm commitment, however, it will be necessary for you to make a submission in the normal way. Complete detail in the submission is necessary together with the ration of pupils and, hence, actual Branch cost.

It is assumed that the job is fully completed now and that the total fixed cost of the project is \$9,397.41. If I am correct in this, then it would be advisable for you to obtain from the Board an audited statement verifying the costs and forward this with your submission. With such information, I am optimistic that the Branch could make its cheque available in full in a relatively short period of time.

In making your contact with the Board, I believe it would be wise to avoid any suggestions of committing the Branch to this expenditure. Rather, you are gathering information on which a formal proposal will be considered.

H.B. Rodine

HBR:mjm

# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A

Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
Toronto, Ontario.

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YOUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136(E)  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136  
Notre dossier

DATE Sept. 26, 1966.

FROM District School Superintendent,  
De Kenora, Ontario.

FOLD

SUBJECT Septic Field -- Father Moss School  
Sujet

Enclosed are photocopies of a letter received from the Secretary-Treasurer of Father Moss School requesting assistance from the Branch to share on a per capita basis the cost of a new septic field. Total cost indicated is \$9,397.41.

Your direction would be appreciated.

P. C. Clarkin.  
Enc.  
/jj

Father Moss School

Phone: 469-1111

STATUTES

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RE CATHOLIQUE

BOX OR C.P. 218

Sioux Narrows, ONTARIO, CANADA

September 6th, 1966.

Mr. P. Clarkin,  
Indian Education,  
Kenora,  
Ontario.

Dear Mr. Clarkin,

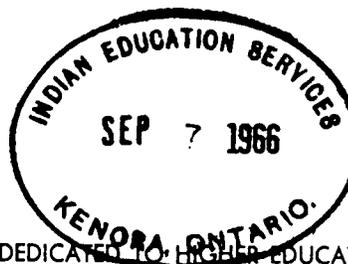
On June 1st of this year, we received the report of the routine annual inspection by the Northwestern Health Unit, of our facilities at the Father Moss School. We were advised that the septic field, serving the school, had ceased to operate properly. On July 6th, we received the instructions of the Health Unit, advising us of the work to be carried out, before the school could be reopened. Tenders were called for, and the contract was given to Bud Alcock, Kenora, at a contract price of \$ 6,165.00. Work began on August 11th.

The contract price above was based on the reconstruction of the existing field. However, when the field was opened, the Inspector from the Health Unit advised that damage was so extensive as to render the repairs impossible, or unsatisfactory, to carry out. Therefore, we were instructed to construct an entirely new septic field. As a result of this, we were obliged to accept additional cost, over and above the original contract price.

In addition to the field serving the main school block, we were advised to change the fields serving the employees residence, and the Manual Arts building. However, all work done refers to property owned and operated by this School Board.

The contract has now been completed, and approved by the Public Health Inspector. The final cost of all this work amounts to the sum of \$ 9,397.41. This Board wishes to enquire if the Indian Affairs Branch will contribute to this cost, on a per capita basis, as in the past. In view of the present financial position of this Board, such assistance would be greatly appreciated.

We would be happy to provide any further information which you may require.



Very truly yours,

*K. Nolan*

K. Nolan,  
Sec-Treas.

k.n.

AN INTEGRATED SCHOOL DEDICATED TO HIGHER EDUCATION FOR ALL

# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION



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43/25-11-136

TO  
A Superintendent of Schools  
Toronto, Ontario

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier *PA*

OUR FILE No. 446/25-1  
Notre dossier

DATE September 29, 1966

FROM  
De District School Superintendent  
Sioux Lookout, Ontario

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Attached is correspondence on Father Moss School,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

*D. G. Scott*

D. G. Scott

/jp

Encl.

*returned Kenora  
& S. Lookout correspondence  
Copies 12 Oct 66 mjs*

U R G E N T

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa,  
Attn: A/Head of the Secretariat  
(Mr. R. Longpre)

431/25-11-136 (E)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

October 11, 1966.

Motion for the Production of Papers

In reference to your memorandum of September 8, 1966, we would comment as follows:

- No. 1 & 2 - Letters from Father Ferron addressed to Mr. Foss dated January 14 and 24th, 1961, cannot be located. A special search for these has been conducted both at this office and at Kenora Inspectorate to no avail.
- No. 3 - The 'Integration Agreement Forms', or rather parental consent forms are enclosed. A set of four for a sample, i.e. four copies for each reserve with the remaining forms in single copy. The memorandum for the members of the school board mentioned by Father Ferron does not appear to be in the files. We are attaching however a copy of a memorandum to the school board, which is undated, and unfortunately, a poor photocopy, which may be the memorandum referred to. We are also sending a copy of this memorandum to the school board to District School Superintendent, Kenora, in the hope he may be able to fill in the illegible paragraph. I believe a copy of this memorandum has previously been forwarded to your office.
- No. 4 - Two letters from Father Ferron dated March 28, 1961, are enclosed, and indicated as re: #4.
- No. 5 - Father Ferron's letter of April 18, 1961, is enclosed. This had been forwarded to you previously.
- No. 6 - We have been unable to come up with June 7th letter (1961) from Mr. Foss to Father Ferron.
- No. 7 - Letter of May 29 addressed to Father Ferron is enclosed.
- No. 8 - A search of files has failed to produce this list of pupils
- No. 9 - Letters addressed to Mr. E. Law dated March 6 and 12 have not been forwarded. From the sequence of correspondence on our files it would appear that the March 6th letter asked for an audited statement while the March 12 letter was written to clarify accounts which had been submitted, that is invoices for tuition, noon lunches, etc.

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No. 10 - The enclosure to which you refer, which should have been attached to Father Ferron's letter to Mr. Davey, does not appear in the Kenora Inspectorate files.

In addition to the foregoing, we enclose correspondence which has been forwarded from our Sioux Lookout Inspectorate office, as well as correspondence from this office which has been written since we were first requested to produce the papers.

We regret the delay in forwarding the enclosed photocopies to you and the fact that there are still gaps in the correspondence. For the former, the Xerox copier at this office has been out of order for more than a week and it was impossible to produce the copies (original file copies were forwarded here for photocopying as the inspectorate offices do not have copying machines), and with regard to the latter, we can only state that the files under consideration have been moved several times from one centre to another over the past three or four years, and this may have caused correspondence to be misplaced or misfiled.

FMS-  
H.B. Rodine

Encl:  
mjm

U R G E N T

MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A

District School Supt. Kenora,  
Superintendent, Fort Frances Agency  
Superintendent, Kenora Agency

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

431/25-11-136 (E)

DATE

13 September 66

FROM  
De

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Motion for the Production of Papers

We have received an "urgent" memorandum from and A/Head of the Secretariat, Ottawa, asking that a further search be made for the undermentioned pieces of correspondence. Apparently the tabling of the correspondence must be complete and some pieces are still missing. Please consider this matter as most urgent and give it your earliest priority:

- 1. Letter dated January 21, 1961 to Father Ferron: (from Mr. Foss)

This letter acknowledges Father Ferron's letter of January 14, 1961, which we do not have. It is noted that Mr. Foss' reply bears the file number 129/21-11. *no*

- 2. Letter dated January 26, 1961, to Father Ferron: (from Mr. Foss)

This letter acknowledges Father Ferron's letter of January 24, 1961, which we do not have. The reply also bears the file number 129/21-11. *no*

- 3. Letter dated March 2, 1961 to Mr. F.J. Foss

This letter indicates that Integration Agreement Forms *\* ok.* are being forwarded under separate cover. It also mentioned a copy of a *no have* memorandum prepared for the members of the School Board. *\* None of* this material has been received. On study of this letter, the Integration Agreement Forms would appear to be agreement forms issued by Father Ferron to parents to indicate their consent to their children attending this school.

- 4. Letter dated March 30, 1961 to Father Ferron from Mr. Foss;

This letter acknowledges Father Ferron's letters of March 28, 1961, which we do not have. The letter of March 30, 1961, was received from the Fort Frances Agency's production of papers. *✓ (2)*

- 5. Letter dated April 25, 1961, to Father Ferron:

This letter refers to Father Ferron's letter of April 18, 1961, of which we do have a copy and which was forwarded to Ottawa, but has been overlooked. *on fly leaf*

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6. Letter Dated July 11, 1961, to Mr. F.J. Foss

This letter refers to letters dated June 7 and July 10, 1961, addressed to Father Ferron. We have a copy of the July 10 letter from the Kenora submission but not the letter of June 7. *no have*

7. Letter dated July 14, 1961 to Father Ferron

This letter refers in 2nd paragraph to letter dated May 29 addressed to Father Ferron. We have a copy of this at Regional Office and this was forwarded to Ottawa but apparently overlooked. *we have*

8. Letter dated July 10, 1962, to Mr. George W. Bryan

*do not have*

This letter refers to a list of the children signed to attend school, which we do not have. This correspondence appeared in Kenora submission.

9. Letter dated March 15, 1963 to Mr. E. Law

*do not have*

This letter refers to two previous letters dated March 6 and March 12 1963, from Mr. Law which we do not have. This correspondence was in the Kenora Agency submission.

10. Letter dated March 12, 1964, to Mr. R.F. Davey

*no.*

This letter refers to an enclosure showing that the Department of Education of Ontario approved \$3,000. We have checked here as has Ottawa checked their files for the enclosure but cannot locate same. As you will note a copy of letter was sent to Mr. Law and perhaps the enclosure is with that office. We would ask that all files, especially Kenora Agency, be checked for this enclosure. *no.*

It is of utmost importance that Ottawa receive all correspondence so it may be tabled in complete and consecutive order. We would appreciate each of you checking your files in order to locate the missing material as soon as possible. Copies of above-noted letters are attached for clarification.

H.B. Rodine

mjm

c.c. Regional Superintendent of Vocational Training, Fort William: If you have any correspondence with outside agencies or persons with regard to the Father Moss School, we would appreciate receiving same.



129/25-11

# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION  
129/25-11-136

TO  
A

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

431/25-11-136

DATE  
September 8, 1966.

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FROM  
De

A/Head of the Secretariat

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Motion for the Production of Papers.

This refers to previous correspondence concerning Motion for the Production of Papers No. 120 by Mr. Reid, M.P., asking for papers dealing with the Father Mess School at Sioux Narrows, Ontario. As a great deal of importance is attached to the tabling of correspondence in reply to an order of the House, the Branch is expected to supply all available correspondence.

I am attaching several pieces of correspondence which was forwarded through your office and I will explain what is required as follows:

1. Letter dated January 21, 1961 to Father Ferron.

This letter acknowledges Father Ferron's letter of January 14, 1961, which we do not have.

*cannot locate*

2. Letter dated January 26, 1961 to Father Ferron

This letter acknowledges Father Ferron's letter of January 24, 1961, which we do not have.

*cannot locate*

3. Letter dated March 2, 1961 to Mr. F.J. Foss

This letter indicates that Integration Agreement Forms are being forwarded under separate cover. It also mentions a copy of a memorandum prepared for the members of the School Board. None of this material was received here.

*Kenora + file 129/21-11 quoted  
if signed by parents hand sent to Mr. Foss by Father Ferron*

4. Letter dated March 30, 1961\* to Father Ferron - from Mr. Foss

This letter acknowledges Father Ferron's letters of March 28, 1961 which we do not have.

*\* Copy of this letter received from Fort Frances agency*

5. Letter dated April 25, 1961\* to Father Ferron \*from Mr. Foss

This letter refers to Father Ferron's letter of April 18, 1961 which we do not have.

*\* copy of this letter received*

*we have OK Kenora papers*

6. Letter dated July 11, 1961 to Mr. F. J. Moss

This letter refers to letters dated June 7\* and July 10, 1961 addressed to Father Ferron. We have a copy of the July 10 letter but we do not have letter of July 7.

*Kenora OK*

*cannot locate*

*June*

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7. Letter dated July 14, 1961 to Father Ferron

*WJ* In the 2nd paragraph of this letter reference is made to a letter dated May 29, 1961~~1~~ addressed to Father Ferron which we do not have.

8. Letter dated July 10, 1962 to Mr. George W. Bryan

*cannot locate*  
This letter refers to a list of the children<sup>\*</sup> signed to attend school which we do not have. *Kenora*

9. Letter dated March 15, 1963 to Mr. E. Law

*cannot locate*  
This letter refers to two previous letters dated March 6 and March 12, 1963<sup>\*</sup> from Mr. Law which we do not have. *Kenora Agency*

10. Letter dated March 12, 1964 to Mr. R. F. Davey

*cannot locate*  
This letter refers to an enclosure showing that the Department of Education of Ontario approved \$3,000. We have checked here for the enclosure but cannot locate same. As you will note a copy of letter was sent to Mr. Law<sup>\*</sup> and perhaps the enclosure is with that office. *Kenora Agency*

It would be greatly appreciated if a further check could be made with all of the offices concerned in order to locate the missing material as soon as possible.

*Roland Longpré*  
H. G. Sprott

Encl.

# MEMORANDUM

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CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
Toronto, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136(E)  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136  
Notre dossier

DATE Sept. 26, 1966.

FROM  
De District School Superintendent,  
Kenora, Ontario.

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet Motion for the Production of Papers

Pursuant to your memorandum of September 13, 1966, regarding the above subject, our files have produced the enclosures.

We do not have any file 129/21-11.

P. C. Clarkin.  
Enc.  
/jj

# MEMORANDUM

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CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

YOUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136(E)  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 487/25-11  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

Superintendent, Kenora Agency

DATE Sept. 20, 1966

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Motion for the Production of Papers

In reply to your letter of September 13, please be advised that all files, including dead files, were turned over to the District School Superintendent approximately two years ago when the Department of Education was first established in Kenora two years ago.

The District School Superintendent advised us today that they are making a search of the files for the papers requested.

  
E. Law

GP/mcD  
c.c. Indian Education



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

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TO  
A Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 406FW/25-11 (VT)  
Notre dossier

DATE September 20, 1966

FROM De Superintendent of Vocational Training  
and Special Services, Fort William

FOLD

SUBJECT Motion for the Production of Papers  
Sujet

I have reviewed my files for my present position and there are no letters on file of correspondence with outside agencies or persons with regard to the Father Moss School.

I trust that my former correspondence from the Sioux Lookout Office has been forwarded to your office.

C. R. Scharf

/cs

Further correspondence re: Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows, received  
 from Kenora Inspectorate:

<u>Address</u> <u>to:</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sch.Supt.P.Arthur	Father Ferron	undated	re proposed new school date @ 1 Feb 61
"	"	2 Mar 61	proposed new school
Father Ferron	Sch.Sup.P.A.	9 Mar 61	
Supt.Sch.P.A.	Father Ferron	11 Mar 61	re children attending
"	"	17 Mar 61	"
S	S "	16 Mar 61	"
Father Ferron	Sch.Supt.P.A.	27 Mar 61	" reply
	Band Council Whitefish Bay	19 Apr 61	
Sch.Supt.P.A.	Father Ferron	18 Apr 61	
F.Ferron	Sch.Sup.PA	25 Apr 61	reply
Father Ferron	Sch.Sup.PA	24 May 61	cost share
Sch.Sup.PA	F. Ferron	26 May 61	reply above
F.Ferron	Sch.Sup.PA	29 May 61	reply above
F.Ferron	Sch.Sup.	15 May 61	re residence
Sch.Sup.PA	F.Ferron	17 May 61	reply
"	"	18 May 61	reply
F.Ferron	S.S. P.A.	10 Jul 61	re teacher
S.S. P.A.	F.Ferron	11 Jul 61	reply
F.Ferron	S.S. P.A.	14 Jul 61	reply
Sch.Sup.P.A.	Architects	7 Jun 61	plans for school-plans will be at HQ
Sch.Sup.P.A.	Sabaskong Band Council & list	4 Apr 62	no desire to send children
F.Ferron	S.S.P.A.	2 May 62	re above
F.Ferron	R.Davey	8 Jun 62	no copy attached-on fileHQ
Sch.Sup.P.A. **	F.Ferron	11 July 62	reply to letter of Jun 2, not received this office
Sch.Sup.P.A.	F.Ferron	11 Jul 62	
Supt.Kenora) ** encl for ** Supt.F.Frances)	F.Ferron	10 Jul 62	
	"	"	
R.Davey	F.Ferron	11 Jul 62	no copy-on file at H.Q.
R.Davey	F.Ferron	4 Sep 62	no copy - see H.Q. file
F.Ferron	R.Davey	7 Sep 62	reply above-see HQ file
F.Ferron	R.Davey	16 Oct 62	re his 2 Oct-see HQ file
R.Davey	F.Ferron	2 Oct 62	see H.Q. file-no copy att.

From

<u>Addressed to:</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Sch.Supt. .A.	F.Ferron	20 Sep 62	re S.S. letter of 17th. Already forwarded to you.
F.Ferron	S.S. PA	26 Sep 62	reply re above
Sch.Supt.PA	F.Ferron	28 Sep 62	reply re 26 Sep 62
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Sch.Sup. PA	F.Ferron	10 Dec 62	re SS of 22 Nov 62, not on file. There is a H.Q. letter of 22 Nov 62 re same subject.
F.Ferron	Sch.Sup.PA	19 Dec 62	re letter 10 Dec 62
F.Ferron	Supt.Kenora	12 Dec 62	re FF letter 10 Dec 62
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R.Davey	F.Ferron	2 Mar 63	no copy attached - see HQ file

1849 Yonge Street,  
Toronto 7, Ontario.

September 13, 1966

431/25-11-136 (E)

John H. Reid, Esq., M.P.,  
(Kenora-Rainy River)  
House of Commons,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Reid:

Re: Father Moss School,  
Sioux Narrows, Ont.

This will acknowledge your inquiry of September 6 concerning the Father Moss School.

This topic was not on the agenda of the most recent Federal-Provincial Co-ordinating Committee meeting and any inquiries I have made would indicate that the topic was not scheduled for discussion at this time. I would, however, convey to you the fact that my office has been in touch with the Department of Education and that the operation of the Father Moss School is under Provincial study with two specific points of view, as follows:

- a) Management of the school during the current financial crises with the view to appropriate continuation of present services pending clarification of financial matters.
- b) Consideration and study by Department of Education officials with the view to continuing present elementary academic instruction and the design of any special educational services that may meet the needs of surrounding young people and adults of Indian or non-Indian status.

Our Branch in the interim has taken the stand with respect to each phase of educational service provided by Father Moss School, as follows:

- a) Elementary academic: Branch capital in the structure is protected and full service is being received through the attendance of elementary grade Indian children at the school.

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
H. B. RODINE

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Regional Superintendent of Schools

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(Unmarked copy to : P. C. Clarkin,  
District School Superintendent, Kenora

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L. L. Brown, Chief, Federal-Provincial Relations



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
CHAMBRE DES COMMUNES  
CANADA

Ottawa, 6 September 1966.

Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Ontario Region,  
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1849 Yonge Street,  
Toronto 7, Ontario.

September 13, 1966

431/25-11-136 (E)

John M. Reid, Esq., M.P.,  
(Kenora-Rainy River)  
House of Commons,  
OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Reid:

Re: Father Moss School,  
Sioux Narrows, Ont.

This will acknowledge your inquiry of September 6 concerning the Father Moss School.

This topic was not on the agenda of the most recent Federal-Provincial Co-ordinating Committee meeting and any inquiries I have made would indicate that the topic was not scheduled for discussion at this time. I would, however, convey to you the fact that my office has been in touch with the Department of Education and that the operation of the Father Moss School is under Provincial study with two specific points of view, as follows:

- a) Management of the school during the current financial crises with the view to appropriate continuation of present services pending clarification of financial matters.
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c.c. Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa (in duplicate)



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# MEMORANDUM

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TO  
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Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136 (E1)  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

District School Superintendent,  
KENORA, Ontario.

DATE September 6, 1966.

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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Andy Lac Seul.

Attention is to your memorandum of September 2, 1966 regarding salary payment of Andy Lac Seul at Father Moss School.

I checked with Father Ferron and Andy. Payments from the Branch to the school Board were made to the end of June, Andy's salary was included in their billing to us.

Through an arrangement of their own, the School Board remits Andy's salary to Pawitik Corporation, who in turn pay him. Andy has collected his May and June cheques from the Corporation.

From what I gather, there is some conflict between the School Board and this group. It is an internal matter which, I consider, is no concern of ours.

P.C. Clarkin.

/ll.

District School Superintendent,  
Kenora

431/25-11-136 (E 1)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

2 September 66

Andy Lac Seul

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Shaw, you indicated that Andy had not received his salary for the months of May and June. It is my understanding that Andy's salary was to be incorporated in the cost of operating Father Moss School in order that his salary can be paid by the school board.

May I be advised if Andy has received his salary for May and June and the recommendations you would offer which would permit more ready payment of his salary.



H.B. Rodine

FMS:mjm

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District School Supt. Kenora,  
Superintendent, Fort Frances Agency  
Superintendent, Kenora Agency

431/25-11-136 (E)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

13 September 66

Motion for the Production of Papers

We have received an "urgent" memorandum from and A/Head of the Secretariat, Ottawa, asking that a further search be made for the undermentioned pieces of correspondence. Apparently the tabling of the correspondence must be complete and some pieces are still missing. Please consider this matter as most urgent and give it your earliest priority:

1. Letter dated January 21, 1961 to Father Ferron: (from Mr. Foss)

This letter acknowledges Father Ferron's letter of January 14, 1961, which we do not have. It is noted that Mr. Foss' reply bears the file number 129/21-11.

2. Letter dated January 26, 1961, to Father Ferron: (from Mr. Foss)

This letter acknowledges Father Ferron's letter of January 24, 1961, which we do not have. The reply also bears the file number 129/21-11.

3. Letter dated March 2, 1961 to Mr. F.J. Foss

This letter indicates that Integration Agreement Forms are being forwarded under separate cover. It also mentioned a copy of a memorandum prepared for the members of the School Board. None of this material has been received. On study of this letter, the Integration Agreement Forms would appear to be agreement forms issued by Father Ferron to parents to indicate their consent to their children attending this school.

4. Letter dated March 30, 1961 to Father Ferron from Mr. Foss:

This letter acknowledges Father Ferron's letters of March 28, 1961, which we do not have. The letter of March 30, 1961, was received from the Fort Frances Agency's production of papers.

5. Letter dated April 25, 1961, to Father Ferron:

This letter refers to Father Ferron's letter of April 18, 1961, of which we do have a copy and which was forwarded to Ottawa, but has been overlooked.

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6. Letter Dated July 11, 1961, to Mr. F.J. Foss

This letter refers to letters dated June 7 and July 10, 1961, addressed to Father Ferron. We have a copy of the July 10 letter from the Kenora submission but not the letter of June 7.

7. Letter dated July 14, 1961 to Father Ferron

This letter refers in 2nd paragraph to letter dated May 29 addressed to Father Ferron. We have a copy of this at Regional Office and this was forwarded to Ottawa but apparently overlooked.

8. Letter dated July 10, 1962, to Mr. George W. Bryan

This letter refers to a list of the children signed to attend school which we do not have. This correspondence appeared in Kenora submission.

9. Letter dated March 15, 1963 to Mr. E. Law

This letter refers to two previous letters dated March 6 and March 12 1963, from Mr. Law which we do not have. This correspondence was in the Kenora Agency submission.

10. Letter dated March 12, 1964, to Mr. R.F. Davey

This letter refers to an enclosure showing that the Department of Education of Ontario approved \$3,000. We have checked here as has Ottawa checked their files for the enclosure but cannot locate same. As you will note a copy of letter was sent to Mr. Law and perhaps the enclosure is with that office. We would ask that all files, especially Kenora Agency, be checked for this enclosure.

It is of utmost importance that Ottawa receive all correspondence so it may be tabled in complete and consecutive order. We would appreciate each of you checking your files in order to locate the missing material as soon as possible. Copies of above-noted letters are attached for clarification.

H.B. Rodine

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c.c. Regional Superintendent of Vocational Training, Fort William: If you have any correspondence with outside agencies or persons with regard to the Father Moss School, we would appreciate receiving same.

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129/21-11

Father T. Ferron,  
Secretary, Separate School Board,  
Box 513,  
SANDWICH, Ontario.

January 20, 1961

Dear Father Ferron:

This office is in receipt of your letter of January 14th concerning the proposed joint school at Sioux Narrows and I will now attempt to deal with your questions in their given order.

(1) November 19th, 1960, Principal's Monthly Report shows 69 children in attendance at the Whitefish Bay Indian Day School. Therefore, the removal of 30 for integration would still leave two rooms in operation. This would permit us to close the temporary basement classroom. I would also point out that present plans call for construction of a new teacherage at Whitefish Bay. This will perhaps offer some reassurance to those who feared their school would be closed.

(2) The latest P. H. R. for the Sabaskong Indian Day School shows an enrolment of 37. Therefore, the removal of even 17 for integration would still leave that classroom in operation and would permit more effective teaching than is possible with the present number which is excessively large for an ungraded school.

(3) I now refer to the statements the Indian people have made to you expressing their concern lest they be unable to provide proper clothing and lunches. This is one of the most common fears the Indian people express when approached about integration, yet it never turns out to be a source of serious difficulty. Our North Bay office is receiving a copy of this letter and perhaps they will have some suggestions to offer concerning the low economic status of these two reserves during the winter months.

Father R. Ferron

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January 20, 1961

(4) The special English classes you mention are actually an internal academic matter to be solved by the teaching staff of the proposed school. Your future average attendance would most likely not be high enough to obtain a provincial grant towards the salary of such an additional staff member.

(5) The Indian Affairs Branch's share of the construction costs would not be 2/3rds, as you have indicated, but would be based on the number of pupils for whom space is purchased. It appears to me that this number would be closer to 30 than to 60 pupils. When the cost formula is applied, we generally find that our share runs to about \$1,000.00 per pupil for construction purposes. This, of course, depends on the quality and facilities of the building to be erected.

It should be understood that space will be purchased only for students who have not already ceased to attend school.

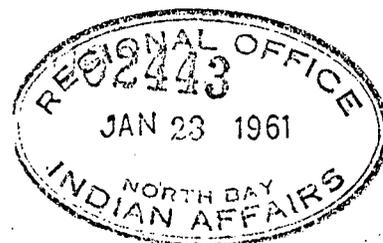
Wishing you the best of luck with this project, I remain

Yours sincerely,

  
F. J. FOSS  
District School Superintendent  
Port Arthur

FJF:eh

c.c. to Superintendent E. Law, Kenora,  
Superintendent Cooper, Fort Frances,  
Mr. F. Matters, North Bay (2)



c. c. North Bay ✓  
Ottawa

129/25-11

Father R. Ferron,  
Secretary, Separate School Board,  
Box 543,  
KENORA, Ontario.

January 26, 1961.

Dear Father Ferron:

This office is in receipt of your welcome letter of  
January 24th.

In regard to your comments about the construction of a  
teacherage, please be advised that Mr. L. Waller, of Ottawa, has informed  
me verbally that the Department will be able to make a contribution to  
such a teacherage provided it is not your intention to charge rent for  
such accommodations. You will recall that we discussed this at our  
last meeting and this will confirm statements made at that time. It is  
realized that construction of a teacherage will increase the per capita  
cost of space purchased by this department.

In regard to your comments on the number of spaces to be  
purchased, I would point out that we generally make a five year pro-  
jection of space required and purchase accordingly. Details of this will  
be worked out at our next meeting which I hope will be next month.

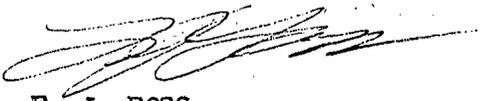
In regard to the integration agreement forms which the  
Indian parents are signing, please forward them to this office.

You mention that you might come to Port Arthur to see me.  
This would be very satisfactory but it would be wise to 'phone first as  
I am frequently out of town.

Yours truly,



FJF:EH

  
F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

Mr. F. J. Foss,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur - Ontario.

Your file: I29\*25-II

Dear Mr. Foss:-

Under separate cover, I am forwarding you the Integration Agreement Forms signed by the Indian parents with the specification of the age and grade of the children. A few more children are going to be signed from Whitefish Bay.

Enclosed I am forwarding you a copy of a memorandum which I had prepared for the members of our school-board previous to our last meeting. In three years, you will have at least 60 children in this school while we will have 40.

Since my return from Port Arthur the Separate School Board of Sioux Narrows has held two meetings; your proposition to pay  $\frac{1}{2}$  the total cost has been exposed to them; of course there are still a certain amount of undetermined factors dimming our financial outlook but the Board would definitely feel easier if you could guarantee a larger share than  $\frac{1}{2}$  the total cost regarding the Teacherage; the Teacherage is a necessity though we cannot expect any help from the Department of Education of Ontario.

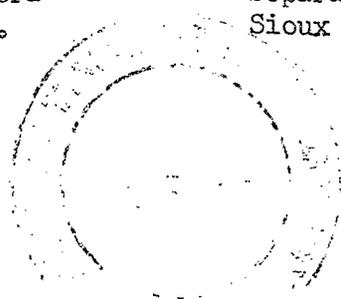
At this end, I am trying to push at all angles such that ~~EM&~~ this school may be ready by next September; in order to save time, it seems that we are not going to finance it through the OMIC but through "public money"; as soon as we get approval from Toronto on the \$80,000.00, we hope to get things rolling; the Architect is already well advanced in his work; after the signing of the agreement with your Branch, which should follow the approval from Toronto, it will be only a question of weeks .....

Thanking you for your past and present cooperation and hoping that you may be in a position to increase your contribution towards the teacherage.

Very sincerely yours,

*R. Ferron, Sec.*  
R. Ferron, Secretary,  
Separate School Board,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Address: Box: 543, Kenora  
Ontario.



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Port Arthur, Ontario,  
March 30, 1961.

Father R. Ferron, Secretary,  
Sioux Narrows R. C. Separate School Board,  
Box 543,  
Kenora,  
Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

This office is in receipt of your letters of March 28th. I am advising Ottawa today that they may proceed with their submission to treasury for approval in principle ~~of a~~ contribution up to the maximum of \$68,650.00.

You should let me know immediately you receive word from the Ontario Department of Education concerning approval of your plans, and you should send me two copies of the Tender which you accept for consideration.

It is my understanding that you will thereafter receive two-thirds of the contribution immediately and the balance when all the necessary receipts are available, which I imagine would be a few months of completion.  
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Yours truly,

*Norma Grossman*

*per* F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

FJF/njc

c.c. Superintendent, E. Law, Kenora  
Superintendent, G. Cooper, Fort Frances





129/25-11

Port Arthur, Ontario,  
April 25, 1961.

Father R. Ferron,  
Secretary,  
Sioux Narrows R. C. Separate School Bd.,  
Box 543,  
Kenora, Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

Reference is made to your letter of April 16th. Please be advised that this office is in receipt of a letter from headquarters dated April 16th indicating that approval in principle has been granted for the proposed joint school in Sioux Narrows.

Please send me two copies of the accepted tender when this is available. After receipt of this document, the Contract will be prepared in Ottawa for the signature of your Board. After that I will provide you with details concerning procedures for billing of tuition costs.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "F. J. Foss".

F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

F/njc

Superintendent Law and Superintendent Cooper ✓

Mr. F. J. Foss,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur - Ontario.

Your file : I29\*25-II ✓

Dear Mr. Foss:

This will be an answer - for the present - to your letters of June 7th last and July 10th instant.

Concerning Miss Carrière, teacher at Whitefish Bay Indian Day School, for the last term, Miss Carrière may have in mind to negotiate with our Board concerning a transfer to our proposed joint school, but, so far, this Board, has not even thought about this subject.

As to an estimate of the approximate opening date of the proposed joint school, we have none.

Since your letter of April 25th, 1961, ..... this Board is still awaiting a firm commitment in writing from your Branch.

For months now we have come into agreements with the Department of Education of Ontario, The Ontario Municipal Board and the Ontario Municipal Improvement Corporation.

The land bought from the Crown last Winter is broken, levelled; a drilling Company has found us the necessary water supply; in 4 days, it is the time-limit for the taxpayers to decide to which Board they want their school taxes to go ..... etc, etc. no more comment .....

If you reverse the roles - more likely you will agree that we have used - so far - a great amount of patience !

Yours very sincerely,  
*R. Ferron, Sec*  
R. Ferron, Secretary  
Catholic School Trustees  
Sioux Narrows - Ontario.

P.S. Our best wishes are with you in your new Posting.



*R. F.*

129/25-11

Port Arthur, Ontario,  
July 14, 1961.

Father Ferron,  
Secretary,  
Sioux Narrows Separate School Bd.,  
Sioux Narrows,  
Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

Reference is made to your letter of July 11. I thank you for your good wishes in regard to my new posting.

It is noted from the file that this office wrote you on May 29th supplying the name, address and telephone number of the Chief, Education Division in accordance with your request that a representative of your Board meet with our Department in Ottawa.

Conversations during a recent visit to Ottawa indicate that in view of my pending transfer they will conclude negotiations with your Board directly from Ottawa. It is therefore impossible for me to supply you with further information concerning this proposed agreement, but I do wish you the best of luck in reaching an early understanding with Headquarters.

Yours truly,

F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

FJF/njc

*Copy Mr Fawcett*

July 10th - 1962.

Mr. George W. Bryan,  
Acting Superintendent,  
Fort Frances Agency,  
Indian Affairs Branch.

Re : Sabaskong Bay Indian Reserve

Dear Mr. Bryan :

As announced yesterday by telephone conversation enclosed is a list of the children who have been duly signed to attend Father Moss School next september by their Parents or Guardians. *(X) note*

Referring you to the letter of Mr. L. R. Fawcett, District School Superintendent, dated of June 22nd last, this procedure was also recommended by him.

In my opinion, after having made the census personally, there will be still a larger number of children signed by their Parents or Guardians before next september.

It seems to me that this should be taken into consideration in making provision for the transportation of these children to Father Moss School.

Thanking you for your past and present cooperation, I remain,  
Yours very sincerely,

R. Ferron, o.m.i.

*(X) To date :*  
*27 Treaty Indian children*  
*2 non-treaty Indian children*  

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Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

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Integration and Sioux Narrows Joint School

June 22nd, 1962.

On a visit to Sioux Narrows on Thursday, June 21st, 1962, I discussed with Father Ferron the project at the Father Moss School. He assures me that there could be approximately 30 pupils to be transported from Whitefish Bay and approximately 20 from Sabaskong. Upon School closing in July he will contact the families involved and obtain signatures indicating their intentions and will present same to our Agency Offices' in Fort Frances and Kenora.

Reports still persist of the reluctance of the Indians at both locations to be transported from Reserve Schools. However at a meeting with the Sioux Narrows Public School Board they indicated their Board's willingness to accept up to twelve of our pupils in their local school should some of the Indians not desire to attend the Father Moss School. They intend to call a meeting of their ratepayers in July and will let us have their final decision with regards to this. We are hopeful that this proposed alternative will be acceptable to our people at both locations.

A further report will be sent when more information is available.

L.R. Fawcett (sgd.)

L.R. Fawcett.

LRP/bc

cc. Father Ferron.

G. Cooper, Sup't Fort Frances.

Mr. E. Law, Sup't., Kenora

North Bay



March-15th - 1963.

Your file : I29/25-II-I36.

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Mr. E. Law - Superintendent,  
Indian Agency - Kenora.

Dear Mr. Law :-

In answer to your letter of March 6th, here is enclosed a copy of the audited statement for the period requested.

Referring to your letter of the 12th instant the "per capita" cost is based on the number of Indian and non-Indian children registered at the school for that period ( Sept-Dec ), namely, 83 Indians and 77 non-Indians.

The previous accounts listed the actual attendance of Indian children for lunch purposes, using the same figures for the tentative tuition fee.

The records show that there was not a single day when actually there were 83 Indians and 77 non-Indians attending school at a definite day.

In the sharing of the operational cost, it seems logical to use the number of registered children as a basis for that definite period.

If the Branch prefers the average "per month" as a basis, it is immaterial to us. In this last case the average Indian students was 74.5 and the average non-Indians students was 71.7, for the period from september to december inclusively.

We do not wish to ~~argue~~ argue the point and we are leaving the decision entirely in the hands of the Branch, asking as a privilege that this account be paid as soon as possible in order to pay our Suppliers.

Thanking you for your past and present cooperation, we remain,

Yours very sincerely,

R. Ferron, *cm*  
R. Ferron, o.m.i., Secretary  
Catholic School Trustees  
Sioux Narrows - Ontario.

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Father Moss School

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WAYKIMAKADAMOWOT KATOLIK KIKINOAMATIWIKAMIK  
COMMISSION SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE

BOX OR C.P.: 218  
Sioux Narrows, ONTARIO, CANADA

March 12, 1964.

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Mr. R. F. Davey,  
Assistant Director, Education,  
Indian Affairs, Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Davey:

You might recall while I visited you last February, Mr. S. W. Kaiser being present, that we agreed that your contribution towards our new water facilities would amount to about \$ 3000.00.

The enclosed copy shows that the Department of Education of Ontario approved \$ 3000.00 as their share.

It was suggested at the time, that your contribution be paid as part of the tuition fee on a monthly basis of \$ 4.00 per pupil starting last February.

On our February statement we submitted the charge as part of the tuition fee, it was refused at the Kenora Agency.

Consequently, at the request of the Agency, we submitted a separate statement for your contribution towards the water line and the enclosed letter is the answer.

Trusting you will be in a position to clarify the situation in the very near future.

To conclude may we suggest, if at all feasible, in order to avoid the complications mentioned previously, that the contribution be paid as a lump-sum as part of the tuition fees.

Thanking you for your past and present co-operation.

Yours very sincerely,

*R. Ferron, ou*

R. Ferron, Secretary.

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Enc. Copy of letter  
also Additional Tentative  
approval of building project.

c.c. Mr. E. Law, Superintendent.  
Kenora.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO  
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Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 431/25-11-136  
Notre dossier

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DATE August 24, 1966.

FROM  
De

District School Superintendent,  
KENORA, Ontario.

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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Correspondence - Father Moss School.

Reference is to a note in copy of your letter sent to  
Mr. A. Longpre dated August 15, 1966.

The letters indicated, Father Ferron to F.J. Foss dated  
January 14, 1961 and January 24, 1961 are not in any of  
the files I consulted.

P.C. Clarkin.

/ll.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa.  
Head of Secretariate  
Attn: Mr. A. Longpre

431/25-11-136 (E)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

15 August 66

Correspondence Re: Sioux Narrows School

This will confirm telephone conversation (Mr. Longpre-Mrs. MacNeill) regarding certain items of correspondence in connection with the Father Ross School.

We attach hereto, in quadruplicate, further correspondence which was contained on a closed file at Kenora Inspectorate Office, and which fills in some gaps in correspondence previously forwarded. We note, however, that with regard to the first two letters listed on our previous list, there is no in the present parcel to fill in this gap. We note that at the time, the file: 129/21-11 was used. This file number was in error (even at that time 21/was placement) and locating them may be difficult. If, however, they are required we will do our utmost to locate them.

I trust the attached will be of some assistance to you.

  
H.B. Rodine

Encl:  
HER:mjm

c.c. District School Superintendent, Kenora: Attached for return are letters which you forwarded to this office. With regard to the missing letters from Father Ferron, I refer to:

Letter from Father Ferron dated 14 January 61 to P.J. Foss, 129/21-11  
School Superintendent, Port Arthur

Letter from Father Ferron dated 24 January 61 file:129/25-11

If perhaps these are still at your office, would you please forward them on.



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

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TO  
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Regional Superintendent of Schools, Toronto.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

District School Superintendent, Kenora..

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier 431/25-11

FROM  
De

DATE  
Aug. 12/66

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SUBJECT  
Sujet

File Data; Father Moss School.

Enclosed please find communications between Father Ferron and the Education Office pertinent to the establishment and operation of Father Moss School at Sioux Narrows.

*P. B. S. Parker*

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa.  
Attn: Director, Education Services

129/25-11-136 (E 10)

431/25-11-136 (E)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

5 August 66

Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows

For your information I am attaching correspondence exchanged between my office and Reverend Father Perron concerning attendance of high school pupils at Sioux Narrows for the coming school year. You will note that Father Perron has accepted our stand that the high school students be in attendance at Kenora in the coming year, and, consequently, use by the Branch of his hostel facilities will not be required.

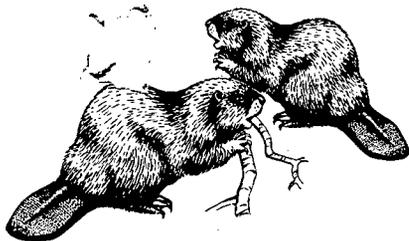
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Mr. Campbell's main concern seemed to be that we may wish to withdraw completely from Sioux Narrows. To this I replied that we have extensive capital interest in this project and value it insofar as the elementary grade pupils are concerned, and that we had not in the original agreement intended to be involved at the high school level and that pending development of a more extensive special course, it is our opinion that the best interests of the average Indian youngster of high school age will be served if he attends in the larger center at Kenora.

This memorandum is sent for your information and with notice that I will keep you posted on any further developments.

H.B. Rodine

Encl:  
HBR/mjm



TELEPHONE 59

# AMIK ASSOCIATION

HEAD OFFICE: BOX 59 SIOUX NARROWS, ONTARIO, CANADA

PLEASE REPLY TO Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

July 29, 1966.

Your File: 431/25-11-136(E)

Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Superintendent of Indian Schools,  
Ontario Region,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Medical-Dental Building,  
1849 Yonge Street,  
Toronto 7, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Rodine:

Your letter of the 19th instant is bringing a refreshing balm among the various vexations brought about by the changing of status of our school.

It is no secret to me that some Officials of your Branch are firmly opposed to the use of our Hostel for Indian children. Consequently I admire your attitude in taking a definite favourable stand on this question.

As you have foreseen the new course to be adapted for retarded or disturbed children will not be ready, most likely, for the next school term. The different government agencies involved in our present mutation seem to have many other problems more urgent than ours.

Once more I want to express my gratitude for your decision as Superintendent of Indian schools in our Province to participate, through our future Hostel facilities, in our proposed new course.

From now on, Amik Association will be responsible for the operation of the Hostel.

Very sincerely yours,

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# MEMORANDUM

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TO  
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Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

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FROM  
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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
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MINISTÈRE DE LA CITOYENNETÉ ET DE L'IMMIGRATION

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April 25th, 1966.

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
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431/25-11-136 (E)

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Box 59,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario

Medical-Dental Building,  
1849 Yonge Street,  
Toronto 7, Ontario

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In acknowledging your inquiry concerning Branch participation in the hostel at Sioux Narrows for high school pupils in the coming year, I advise that for normal high school pupils, we have encountered no difficulty this year in arranging for the accommodation of these youngsters in the Kenora or Fort Frances system. Consequently, for this age-grade group, all indications would be that we would not require space in your hostel.

It was my understanding that some special program with vocational emphasis was under consideration for the Father Moss School-- such instruction to be levelled at that group of pupils who are considerably old for their grade and, consequently, would not fit into the normal high school stream. Perhaps this course has not or cannot be fully developed to become effective this school term. In any case, we would most certainly appreciate having details of the course brought to our attention when it has been finalised for I am certain we would have pupils who would benefit. Please let Mr. Claridin and me have any information that will pertain to the development of this new course.

Yours sincerely,

H.B. Rodine,  
Superintendent of Indian Schools,  
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c.c. District School Supt., Kenora

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Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

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Production of Papers

In response to your "urgent" memorandum of 27 June 1966, we forwarded requests to Agency Superintendents Kenora and Fort Frances, District School Superintendents, Sioux Lookout and Kenora, and to Superintendent of Vocational Training, Fort William, for copies of correspondence falling within the terms of reference of the question.

We have received correspondence from District School Superintendent, Kenora, and Agency Superintendent, Fort Frances. (The other areas did not have any material on their files).

We have also searched our files at Regional Office for appropriate copies of correspondence. We have also made a list of all correspondence, but copies in quadruplicate are attached only for correspondence designated (\*). We presume that inasmuch as the remaining listed correspondence was directly with Headquarters, you will already have copies of these.

Correspondence from the field was co-ordinated with that of Regional Office to avoid duplication.

We trust the enclosed correspondence is what you require for your reply.

H.B. Rodine

Encl:  
mjm

List of Correspondence Concerning Parliamentary Question by: Mr. Reid, M.P. - Your request of ~~6 July~~, 1966

Re: Production of Papers <sup>27 JUNE,</sup>

<u>From</u>	<u>Addressed To</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
School Supt. P. Arthur	Father Ferron <i>reply to</i>	* 20 Jan 61	Reply to inquiries.
"	"	* 26 Jan 61	Teacherage construction
"	"	* 9 Mar 61	Pupils to attend joint school <i>March 2.</i>
"	"	* 27 Mar 61	Proposed Joint School <i>telephone only</i>
Father Ferron	School Supt. P. Arthur <i>May 18 + 17 12/4</i>	* 18 May 61	Teacherage rental
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	11 Sep 61	Proposed Joint School Costs
Sch. Supt. P. Arthur	Father Ferron	* 19 Dec 61	Joint School Agreement
Father Ferron	Sch. Supt. P. Arthur	* 27 Dec 61	Joint School Agreement
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	27 April 62	" " cheque
Reg.Sch. Supt.N. Bay	Father Ferron	* 30 Apr 62	" " correspondence
Father Ferron (to)	Reg.Sch.Supt. N. Bay (from)	* 10 May 62	" "
Father Ferron	Sch. Supt. P. Arthur	* 29 May 62	Special Courses, Joint School
Sch.Supt.P. Arthur	Father Ferron	* 17 Sep 62	Payment re joint school
Father Ferron	Sch. Supt. P. Arthur	* 28 Sep 62	Payment re joint school
Father Ferron	Supt. Kenora Agcy	* 17 Sep 62	noon lunches
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Father Ferron	R.F. Davey, Ottawa	2 Nov 62	re uniforms and noon lunches
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	6 Nov 62	re uniforms and noon lunches
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	16 Oct 62	re bedding and extra children
Father Ferron	R.F. Davey, Ottawa	2 Oct 62	" "
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	22 Nov 62	payment tuition, noon lunches, etc.
Sch. Supt. P. Arthur	Father Ferron	* 19 Dec 62	milk at noon lunches
Father Ferron	Supt. Kenora Agcy	* 15 Feb 63	milk at noon lunches
Father Ferron	R.F. Davey, Ottawa	2 Mar 63	supervision of studies
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	26 Jun 63	costs re joint schooling
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	13 Aug 63	data re accommodation requirements
Father Ferron	Sch. Supt. P. Arthur	* 21 Sep 63	enrolment
J.Douglas,Princ. Father Moss School	Supt. Kenora Agcy	* 1 Oct 63	community skating rink costs
Sch. Supt. P. Arthur	Father Ferron	* 6 Nov 63	enrolment
Sch. Supt. P. Arthur	Father Ferron	* 27 Nov 63	Purchase of Xmas gifts for students
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	6 Dec 63	additional classrooms
Father Ferron	R.F. Davey	12 Mar 64	tuition fees
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	25 Mar 64	new water facilities
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	4 May 64	cheque re fees
Sch. Supt. P. Arthur	Father Ferron	* 6 Aug 64	teachers for Seine River
Father Ferron	R.F. Davey, Ottawa	31 Jul 64	payment additional classrooms

<u>From</u>	<u>Addressed To:</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	25 Mar 64	new water facilities (repeat)
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	24 Dec 65	water facilities
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Dunwoody, Saul, Smith & Co. Chartered Accountants	11 Mar 65	Analysis of Payments
Sch. Supt. Kenora	Secretary, Father Moss Sch. Board	* 18 March 66	request for audit reports
Supt. Schools, Toronto	Chairman, Fed. Prov. Co-ord. Committee	* 30 Mar 66	copy of agreement between Gov't and Sioux Lookout Catholic Bd.
Supt. Schools, Toronto	" " (S.M. Asbury)	* 13 Apr 66	amount of payments made to Board
W. Franchuk ) K. Nolan ) R. Ferron )	Hon. W. Davis, Minister of Education, Ontario	* 29 Mar 66	Amik Association
R.F. Davey, Ottawa	Father Ferron	25 Apr 66	audit reports for 1964 & 65
Father Ferron	Mr. Thomas Jan Campbell, Executive Assistant to Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario - Toronto	* 3 Jun 66	Federal-Provincial Agreement
"	H.B. Rodine, Supt. Schools, Toronto - covering card re above copy	* undated	as above
Father Ferron	Supt. Schools, Toronto	* 18 Jun 66	<del>Gr. 7 &amp; 8</del> children - hostel & Gr. 9
Father Ferron	Chairman, Fed. Prov. Co-ord. Committee	* 19 April 66	
Chairman, Fed. Prov.	Supt. Schools, Toronto	* 22 Apr 66	letter with above copy

Production of Papers Concerning Parliamentary Question by Mr. J. Reid, M.P.

Rain River-Kenora - Your request of 27 June 66

Papers from Fort Frances Indian Agency

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<u>From</u>	<u>Addressed to</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Sch. Supt. P.Arthur	Father Ferron	*25 Apr 61	approval in principle- joint school
Sch.Supt.P.Arthur	Father Ferron	*30 Mar 61	share in cost of joint school
Sch.Supt.P.Arthur	Father Ferron	*15 May 61	rental teacherage
Sch.Supt.P.Arthur	Father Ferron	*24 May 61	Staff accommodations- joint school
Sabaskong Band Council (Assabasca)	Sch.Supt.P.Arthur	*4 Apr 62	Petition re schooling on reserve
Sch.Supt.P.Arthur	Father Ferron	*2 May 62	Reluctance to send children to Joint School
Sch.Supt.P.Arthur	Father Ferron	*26 Sep 62	re final cost of joint school
Father Ferron	Supt.F.Frances Agcy	*31 Aug 63	██████████ children
Supt.F.Frances Agcy	Principal,Father Moss School	*9 Dec 64	clothing accounts
Supt.F.Frances Agcy	Mr.Lac Seul,  Father Moss School	*22 Dec 65	clothing accounts ██████████ children

Re: Production of Papers - Kenora Inspectorate

Parliamentary Question by J.M. Reid, M.P. Kenora-Rainy River

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Sch. Supt.P.Arthur	Father Ferron	*31 Mar 64	cheque for joint schooling
Sch.Supt.P.Arthur	Father Ferron	*15 Apr 64	re estimate of space
Father Ferron	Sch.Supt.P.Arthur	*17 Apr 64	reply re above
Father Ferron	Sup/Princ.Kenora	*27 Mar 65	
Supt.Schools, Kenora	<del>Father Ferron</del> Principal, Father Moss School	*25 Apr 66	high school students

Sioux Narrows, Ont  
June 18th, 1966.

Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Superintendent of Indian Schools,  
1849, Yonge Street,  
Toronto 7 - Ontario.

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Dear Mr. Rodine :

We are receiving applications from non-Indian parents, residing outside the Improvement District of Sioux Narrows and wishing to register their child at Father Moss School.

It means that these children, if accepted, would be using the facilities of the Hostel. Most applications received are for grade IX.

The next question asked by all concerned is this one : Will this hostel be integrated ? In other words, will your Branch cooperate next september to the maintenance of this hostel ?

On this definite question which was discussed with you and Mr. Davey, in Ottawa, last april, I have received, so far, from the Branch, no clear directive.

You will agree that there is some urgency involved in the settlement of this matter. Thanking you for your past and present co-operation.

Very sincerely yours,

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Copy to Mr. Mc Gill

Sioux Narrows, Ontario.  
June 3rd, 1966.

6/31/25-11-136

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This last item is a very important issue in our area. The parents may not have much on an external religious practice, yet, they want their children to have a certain dose of moral instruction through the medium of the school and precisely because they feel they cannot give them this training in the family. Our experience at Sioux Narrows has proved the case,

This moral development can be given under the auspices of any protestant denomination, catholic, jewish, Indian belief, plain non-religious moral, etc. In all cases, the determination of the parents has to be respected. The amazing effect of this system, after a certain period, is to unify instead of dividing.

If these suggestions may provoke some interest, they would have to be elaborated verbally with those concerned.

This is another opportunity to thank you very warmly, Mr. Campbell, for the magnificent work you have performed for our cause in a very short period of time.

Very sincerely yours,

*R. Ferron, o.m.i.*  
R. Ferron, o.m.i.

N.B. Please, excuse all errors ... written in a hurry by myself in a borrowed typewriter - while travelling in the wilderness of N.W. Ontario !

Copies sent to Messrs Asbury, Westcott, Rodine, Fr. Durocher.

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Agreement No: 136 FILE NO: 431/25-11-136

NAME OF BOARD: Sioux Narrows

Separate School Board

INSPECTORATE: Kenora

AGENCY: Kenora RESERVE: Whitefish & Salsabong

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: added \_\_\_\_\_ entirely new ✓

4 classrooms, 1 utility, teacher quarters plus accommodation for possible later addition to staff

DATE OF AGREEMENT: 10 March 62

NAME OF SCHOOL: Father Moss School

TOTAL ENROLMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ INDIAN 80 each year NON-INDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS: 172,052 PERCENTAGE 19,871.27 BRANCH SHARE: 50%

BOARD SHARE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH SHARE: \$ 86,026.

BOARD CONTACT & ADDRESS: Secretary, Catholic School Trustees of Sioux Narrows (1966 - Rev. R. FERRO, OMI, Box 218) Sioux Narrows Ont

CHEQUES SENT:

Date	Amount	Percentage Share	Balance
<u>27 Apr 62</u>	<u>57,351.</u>	<u>2/3</u>	<u>28,675.</u>
<u>20 Nov 62</u>	<u>28,675.</u>	<u>1/3</u>	<u>X</u>
<u>6 March 63</u>	<u>8,982.</u>	<u>Share of pre-assess direct costs</u>	<u>with H2</u>

— see Agreement of 16 March 64 & its 002424  
(Remarks ✓ over amendment)

Remarks:

as of 16 Nov 62 - operating 5 crowded classrooms  
instead of 4.

Indian enrolment - 77 children (1962) (Fadden  
Enrolment)

Total costs to 191, 923. 23

June 63 - Indian enrolment = 61 (L.S.L.N. 170)  
not expected to reach 80 until Sep/64

Oct 10/63 - 3 classrooms, a general room,  
principal's office, teacher's room in  
fourth classroom & fifth class in  
outbuilding

Sep/63 - Indian pupils 69 treaty  
14 non-treaty  
(some of whom do not live on reserve)

4 Nov 63 - \$ 800. contributed towards  
skating rink by Branch thru  
Antennae selling

Commencing Feb 64 - Branch to pay  
\$4.00. extra per pupil per month (40. instead  
of 36.) towards water line. Dept. of  
Education contributed 3,000. as .002425  
share.

Agreement No: \_\_\_\_\_ FILE NO: 431/25-11-136

NAME OF BOARD: Scotty Narrows

Separate School Board

INSPECTORATE: Kenora

AGENCY: Kenora RESERVE: Whitford & Sutherland

TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION: added  entirely new

2 classrooms

DATE OF AGREEMENT: 16 March 64 \*

NAME OF SCHOOL: Father Mass

TOTAL ENROLMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ INDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ NON-INDIAN \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COSTS: 58000. PERCENTAGE BRANCH SHARE: 50%

BOARD SHARE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH SHARE: \$ 29,000

BOARD CONTACT & ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

see sheet #1.

CHEQUES SENT:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Percentage Share</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>24 March 64</u>	<u>19,333.32</u>	<u>2/3</u>	
<u>circa Oct 64</u>	<u>9,666.68</u>		<u>X</u>
<u>27 Jan 66</u>	<u>*amended to include 6,446.76 for installation of water line</u>		
<u>10 Feb 66</u>	<u>6,446.76</u>		<u>X</u>

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all original agreement 10 March 62 (Remarks over)

Total of all agreements as  
end January/1966

# 130,454.76

does not include 800 for  
skating rink or 4.00 per pupil  
per month for material  
paid through tuition billing

MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
A Regional Director, Ontario

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier  
401/42-1 (E)

DATE

5 May 66

FROM  
De Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

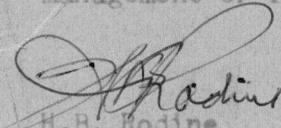
SUBJECT  
Sujet Father Moss School

There are several sides to present when considering the operation of the Father Moss School. For the most part it can be concluded that the programming and course offerings are positive, but operation and management has some negative aspects. Whether the negative aspects can be traced to actual mal-management, or an effort to scramble for funds at all costs in order to meet essential programs, is not yet clear. This must be the subject of deeper detailed study, and I understand this is now underway.

It must be kept in mind that the Branch has a capital investment in the joint elementary arrangements here, and, of course, we are vitally concerned this be preserved. The investment is \$130,454.76 to cover accommodation for 115 Indian pupils. In the high school instruction, the Branch has children there this year. This is against our policy because Father Moss School, being a Separate High School, does not have provincial sanction. We are reluctant to place the Indian children in this system longer because we feel we can place them in the larger school system in Kenora at no more cost, give them integrated and broader course opportunities. There is, however, a great potential for using this school to help our many "old for their grade" group of pupils and, consequently, this important alternate use of facilities constructed for senior pupils should be considered.

As to the Programme "5" offerings at this school, I am confident that it is, in effect, for this area a "little Moosonee". The services are definitely needed and the courses offered this winter will, I am sure, prove beneficial to the students in the coming summer employment field.

I am convinced that this school offers very essential service in the area, needs more support than it has been obtaining, and, perhaps, needs improved management or financing.

  
H.B. Rodine

HBR:mjm

\$130,454.76

c.c. Regional School Superintendent, Toronto, Ontario.

MAIL TO

OTTAWA 2, April 25, 1966.

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431/25-11-136  
129/25-11-136

Principal,  
Father Moss School,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

We are anxious to obtain audit reports for 1964 and 1965.

Would you kindly arrange for copies to be forwarded to us at your convenience?

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
P. DEZIEL

R.F. Davey,  
Director, Education Services.

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Father Moss School *[Signature]*

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
WAYKIMAKADAMOWOT KATOLIK KIKINOAMATIWIHKAMIK  
COMMISSION SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE

BOX OR C.P.: 218

Sioux Narrows, ONTARIO, CANADA

March 29, 1966

The Honourable Wm. G. Davis, Q.C.,  
Minister of Education,  
44 Eglinton Avenue West,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Davis:

We greatly appreciate your sincere and constant interest in our petty problems which have been brought to your attention regularly for the past few years. Our situation is a difficult one to solve but we are confident that you and the others concerned in the departmental agencies can find the proper solution.

In these few notes we do not intend to repeat what we have already forwarded to you on the subject, particularly on December 6th of last year and February 15th last.

Administratively, we now have a temporary set-up under the Department of Municipal Affairs which can only attend to the financial aspect. This can be disastrous to the program of renewal, which is taking place in our area, particularly in the fields of education, rehabilitation, housing, employment and recreation.

Normally, all this activity does not come within the scope of a separate school board, and furthermore, the entire population, within a radius of forty miles is involved into this renewal, affecting both non-Indians and Indians. This regeneration cannot be allowed to lose its momentum or to deteriorate momentarily due to a failure of administration.

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At this point, it appears to us most urgent that a committee be formed at the policy level in order to carry on the tasks temporarily, and to find a permanent solution to our present lack of an adequate administrative body to replace the separate school board. The latter has now outlived its usefulness and it deserves to be congratulated for its social achievements. These ignored and humble trustees have performed a gigantic task of improvement for a mass of other human beings in the wilderness of Northwestern Ontario.

No time should be lost by the officials of the Department of Municipal Affairs in order to try to refinance the separate school board. In the educational aspect alone it would be completely unrealistic to try to operate the existing complex within the legal limits of a separate school board. Here are some basic statistics to prove it:

- 1) At the academic level, within a three-mile radius, the Roman Catholic children amount to 32;
- 2) In the program of adult education only 4 persons would qualify;
- 3) We are now operating nine classrooms, plus all kinds of additional facilities in order to cater to an academic enrollment of 200 and an adult up-grading of 125.

AT Butler  
801 Bay St  
2180.

At this point it might be important to specify that the Indian Affairs Branch favours integration, but on a workable basis. The maximum percentage tolerated is 50 - 50, between non-Indians and Indians - 60% non-Indians and 40% Indians gives better results.

Now, with the figures quoted above, if we are indulgent enough, the complex would absorb only 32 Indian children and 4 adult Indians.

So, let's forget about reorganization and re-financing of the separate school board.

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Referring you to our brief of February 15th last, page two, we offered a concrete proposition in the possibility of Amik Association taking over the entire complex as an administrative body. - Our brief of December 6th, 1965, described the scope, function and constitution of Amik.

Since these briefs have been forwarded to you, the local public school board has finally started integration at the kindergarten level. Integration is now an acceptable principle throughout our district. Previous to this integration, the public school board had an enrollment of 24 non-Indian pupils.

The time has now come to amalgamate the two schools. With their present facilities the public school board could provide education for all children up to grade three or four, depending on the enrollment, and our present complex would take over from there.

Amik Association would be the administrative body, not only in relation to academic educational aspects, but also including the rehabilitation, housing, employment and recreational programs now in progress.

As already suggested, the Board of Directors of Amik would comprise representatives of the different government agencies involved, including the Indian Affairs Branch, with a generous representation of the local people, non-Indian and Indian.

Both school boards would disappear, in their present forms. Since the public school board is simply an extension of the Board of the Improvement District, appointed by the Department of Municipal Affairs it would appear a simple operation to disband it. As to the separate school board, our brief of February 15th last, indicates that the Board and the ratepayers who elect this Board are ready to disband in accordance with all the legal complexities involved.

Pending the establishment of a proper civic body to administer our complex we want to stress very strongly the two following points:

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- 1) The Board of the separate improvement district of Sioux Narrows should be left free enough in its activities such that the general renewal which is taking place in the fields of education and rehabilitation be not handicapped by unnecessary "red tape";
- 2) Our staff has to be protected - We have been rather fortunate in building up a competent teaching and operational staff, willing to isolate themselves in the wilderness of Northwestern Ontario.

The "status quo" should be respected for the time being.

To conclude we want to mention the importance of public opinion in our area. You, as a statesman, can appreciate this asset. The communal effort which has been forthcoming towards our complex has to be respected and during this period of transition the field representatives of the different government agencies should be very careful not to undermine this public opinion. We have already had sad experiences.

Several meetings have been held previous to the sending of this delegation which is made up of the signatories. What we have expressed in this brief represents the general consensus of all those interested in our complex. The Indian Chiefs would have been here if it had been possible, financially. We are paying our own expenses individually.

This gives us another opportunity, Honourable Mr. Davis, to thank you very warmly for your constant interest in our cause.

Very Sincerely,

*W. Franchuk*  
*K. Nolan*  
*R. Ferron*  
W. Franchuk  
K. Nolan  
R. Ferron

ALL INSPECTORATE HEADS,  
Province of Ontario.

401/25-1 (E)

cc:431/25-11-136

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

15 April 66

Enforcement of School Attendance - Survey of Field Recommendations

~~School attendance enforcement~~ is becoming increasingly complex as it involves attendance at Federal and non-Federal schools. The public relations aspect of this whole program is one of increasing magnitude as well. In the past months, this office has dealt with field recommendations on the merits of the recommendation as each has been received. It is now time consideration be given to attendance enforcement policy which will apply generally throughout the region.

I think you will agree that the policy we adopt should be based upon several simple principles as follows:

- a) Maximum involvement of responsible Indian officials;
- b) Maximum use of existing local attendance provisions wherever these exist;
- c) Assurance that relationships between the Indian people, the Branch, and the non-Indian school system concerned enjoy maximum harmony by reason of the following steps having been clearly taken:
  - i) Responsibility clearly defined through consultation;
  - ii) Procedure for payment of accounts clearly understood;
  - iii) Channels of communication clearly established and maintained;
  - iv) The principle of "attendance counselling" rather than the old "truancy" approach, characterizing the attendance enforcement program wherever possible.

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In the light of the foregoing, you are asked to re-examine your attendance enforcement procedures and to give me recommendations as to policy steps you feel ought to be implemented with respect to the following student groups:

- a) Students attending school exclusively on the reserve (Please refer to the probability of utilizing existing attendance enforcement provisions);
- b) Students who commute from areas where the children attend exclusively a non-Indian school;
- c) Where combined educational provisions prevail, that is, a portion of the students attending Branch schools on the reserve and a portion commuting off the reserve.

Your recommendations are desired at this office no later than May 6th.

H.B. Rodine

HBR:mjm

# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A

Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Regional School Superintendent,  
TORONTO, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier 129/25-11-136 (E.10)

DATE April 12, 1966.

FROM  
De

Director, Education Services

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Father Moss School

I refer to your memorandum of March 10 and the attached correspondence concerning the employment of an attendance officer for the Father Moss School. Your recommendation to pay accounts at the present rate to the end of March is approved. As you will see from the attached letter on the subject of the enforcement of school attendance, we now wish to formulate policy and procedures to deal with this matter across the country.

R. F. Davey.

Encl.

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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A

Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Regional School Superintendent,  
TORONTO 7, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

431/25-11-136

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

1/25-1 (E.10)

FROM  
De

Director, Education Services

DATE April 12, 1966.

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

The Enforcement of School Attendance

It is obvious that in each region the enforcement of school attendance is becoming more complex and more difficult to deal with. Suggestions are advanced from time to time to deal with problems in a particular locality but we have made no real efforts to come to grip with this matter, either on a provincial or a federal basis. There appears to be a fair amount of support for the handling of this problem on a provincial basis, possibly through enforcement of provincial legislation.

Since the enforcement of school attendance now reaches out to so many children attending provincial as well as federal schools and in as much as absenteeism is perhaps one of the most serious obstacles to be overcome if educational achievement is to improve, we are obligated to find a solution to the problem of law enforcement and I am therefore requesting that you provide me with your views and recommendations as it effects the children in your region.

  
R. F. Davey.

431/25-11-136 (E)

Mr. S.N. Asbury,  
Indian Affairs Officer,  
Dept. of Public Welfare,  
3rd floor, East Block, Room 3302,  
Parliament Bldgs., TORONTO, Ontario

Medical-Dental Bldg.,  
1849 Yonge Street,  
Toronto 7, Ontario

April 13, 1966

Dear Mr. Asbury:

Further to our recent telephone conversation, I am forwarding forwarding a copy of an analysis of payments made to the Sioux Narrows R.C. Separate School Board during 1965.

There were no capital payments made to the Board during that year, however, our file indicates a payment by the Branch of \$6,446.76 which represented Branch share of installation of a waterline to service the school, total cost of which was \$11,177.56, in February, 1966. This payment increased the total contribution of the Branch in its joint agreement with the Board to \$130,454.76.

I trust the attached is the information you require.

Yours very truly,

H.B. Rodine,  
Superintendent of Indian Schools,  
Ontario Region

HBR:  
mjm

Encl:

*Attachment  
as marked  
on pm.*

129/25-11-136 (E)

Mr. S. N. Asbury,  
Chairman, Federal-Provincial  
Co-ordinating Committee,  
Department of Public Welfare,  
Room 3302, 3rd Floor, East Block,  
Parliament Buildings,  
Toronto, Ontario.

Medical-Dental Building,  
1849 Yonge Street,  
Toronto 7, Ontario.

March 30, 1966.

Dear Mr. Asbury,

Further to our telephone conversation of this date, I am pleased to forward a photocopy of the Federal Agreement between the Government of Canada and the Sioux Narrows Board of Catholic School Trustees.

Yours very truly,



H. B. Rodino.  
Superintendent of Schools,  
Ontario Region.

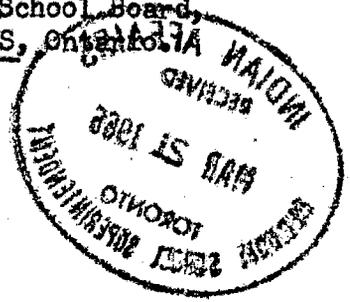
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Encl.

Box 30,  
KENORA, Ontario.

129/25-11-136

The Secretary,  
Father Moss School Board,  
SIOUX NARROWS, Ontario.

March 18th, 1966.



Dear Sir:

We have been directed by our Regional Office to procure audit reports of your school for 1964 and 1965.

If the latter is not yet completed, would you please so advise and sent it to this office as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

P.C. Clarkin.  
Supervising Principal.

/ll.

✓c/c Regional Superintendent of Schools, Toronto.

*B.F. d. to April 66*  
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INDIAN AFFAIRS  
RECEIVED  
MAR 21 1965  
TORONTO  
REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT

Supervising Principal,  
Kenora Inspectorate

129/25-11-136 (E1)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

March 15, 1966.

Father Moss School

Attached hereto is copy of a memorandum from the Director,  
Education Services, dated March 7, 1966, concerning the  
above school.

Would you please arrange to have the audit reports for  
1964 and 1965 completed and forwarded to this office as  
soon as possible so that they may be forwarded to Ottawa.

  
H. B. Rodine  
Superintendent of Schools

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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A

Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Regional School Superintendent,  
Education Division,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Medical-Dental Bldg., 2nd Floor,  
1849 Yonge Street,  
TORONTO 7, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136 (E.14)  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

Director, Education Services

DATE March 7, 1966

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Father Moss School

The last audit report on our files is from Dunwoody Saul Smith ~~Inc~~ Co and dated February 15, 1964, for the year 1963.

Can you please arrange for a copy of the 1964 report to be forwarded, and also the 1965 report when ready.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
R. F. Davey.



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cc Regional Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

MAIL

Ottawa 2, March 11, 1968.

42/25-11 (14)

Dunwoody, Soul, Smith & Co.,  
Chartered Accountants,  
Professional Building,  
P.O. Box 400,  
Kensington, Ontario.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Township School Area of Jaffray and Holick,  
St. Louis Warren R.C. Separate School Board

As requested in your letter dated March 5th, enclosed is an analysis  
of payments made to the above School Boards during 1965.

There were no capital payments made to either Board during that year.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
R. F. DAVEY

R.F. Davey,  
Director, Education Services

Enc.

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WVAIP

PAYMENTS TO SIOUX HARBOR BOARD OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
 1965



Check No.	Tuition	Transportation	Truant Officer	Room Lunches	Room and Board	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
25072	3,560.00	626.40		511.27		4,697.67
1378789	3,560.00	783.00		630.58		4,973.58
1431357	3,560.00	783.00		636.73		4,979.73
1482307	3,520.00	900.45		714.63		5,135.08
30883	3,440.00	783.00		558.83		4,781.83
12334	3,520.00	626.40		489.95		4,636.35
54644	3,280.00					3,280.00
97196		822.15				822.15
102565				582.61		582.61
175246	378.40					378.40
210331			1,082.50			1,082.50
64325					1,425.00	1,425.00
66215					1,950.00	1,950.00
67193	6,020.00		262.50			6,282.50
68811	1,330.00					1,330.00
286407				810.98		810.98
304308				820.41		820.41
72203					2,100.00	2,100.00

Cheque No.	Fuel	Transportation	Truant Officer	Meal Luncheon	Room and Board	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
72516	3,760.00		235.00			3,995.00
311214	2,100.00					2,100.00
311177	3,520.00		220.00	806.88		4,546.88
	41,548.40	5,324.40	1,800.00	6,562.87	5,475.00	60,710.67

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PAYMENTS MADE TO TOWNSHIP SCHOOL AREA OF JAFFRAY AND MELICK  
1965

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Puition</u>
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1377609	3,777.40
25069	3,021.92
34380	3,777.40
1509634	5,131.17
22248	4,336.20
1482793	1,292.80
886	3,468.96
70993	6,990.48
149679	4,553.01
202839	6,031.26
280870	<u>6,366.33</u>
	48,746.93

Kenora  
Lakehead  
Sioux Lookout

Supervising Principal:  
Supt., Vocational Training, Fort William

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

129/25-11-136 (ER)

Sioux Narrows High School - 1966-67

28 February 66

The purpose of this letter is to refresh your minds concerning a verbal announcement I had made in Fort William at the training session concerning the Branch's policy as it relates to attendance of Indian children at high school in Sioux Narrows for the coming school year.

I quote here from a letter addressed by Mr. Davey to the Reverend Father Ferron dated December 24, as follows:

"I believe we agreed that the boarding rate was extremely high and that it would pertain only to the current school year. Alternative arrangements will be made for the students for the term commencing next September..."

Please keep this factor in mind and take such steps as is necessary to acquaint each of your counselling staff with this policy.

H.B. Rodine

HBR:mjm

c.c. Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa, Attn: Director, Education Services  
129/25-11-136 (E)

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa.  
Attn: Director, Education Services

129/25-11-136 (E.11)

129/25-11-136 (ER)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

28 February 66

Sioux Narrows Joint School

The cheque in the amount of \$6,446.76 has been forwarded to the  
Sioux Narrows Joint School Board and is now acknowledged.

As requested, I enclose the original of the Agreement Amendment  
for your records.

H.B. Rodine

Encl:  
HBR:mjm



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
A

Superintendent of Schools,  
Toronto, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136  
Votre dossier (ER7)

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

Supervising Principal,  
Kenora, Ontario.

DATE  
February 21, 1966.

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Sioux Narrows Joint School.

Enclosed please find copies of signed Amendment to the Agreement entered into with the School Board at Sioux Narrows.

These were requested in your memorandum to this office dated February 14, 1966.

P.C. Clarkin.

Encls....  
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AMENDMENT dated this 27th day of January 1966,  
to the Memorandum of Agreement dated March 16th, 1964.

BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in right of Canada  
represented herein by the Minister of Northern  
Affairs and National Resources, hereinafter  
called "the Minister"

OF THE FIRST PART

AND

THE SIOUX NARROWS BOARD OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
TRUSTEES in the Province of Ontario, hereinafter  
called "the Board"

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Minister has entered into agreements with the Board for  
contributions totalling \$124,000 towards the cost of the Father Moss School,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

AND WHEREAS the Board has now reported that it has been necessary to  
install a waterline to service this school at a total cost of \$11,177.56.

AND WHEREAS the Minister has agreed to pay its share of this waterline,  
based on the enrolment as at September, 1965, which share amounts to  
\$6,446.76, increasing the contribution to \$130,454.76.

This memorandum is to be read with and attached to the Memorandum of  
Agreement dated the 16th day of March, 1964.

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Witness

.....  
Assistant Deputy Minister (Indian Affairs)

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Witness

.....  
Board

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
SIOUX NARROWS, ONT.

REGISTERED MAIL

Supervising Principal,  
Kenora Inspectorate,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
P.O. Box 30,  
KENORA, Ontario.

129/25-11-136 (ER 7)

Superintendent of Schools, Toronto

14 February 66

Sioux Narrows Joint School

Attached please find cheque No: 230-0079701, in the amount of \$6,446.76 and four copies of an Amendment to the Agreement signed March 16, 1964, covering an additional contribution to the above-mentioned school for the installation of a water line.

Please forward the cheque to the Board, and have the attached copies of the Amendment to Agreement signed by the appropriate members of the Board. When the Amendment to Agreement has been signed by the Board, please return the original plus one copy to this office. One copy is for your records and one copy for the Board's records. You will note the amendment has already been signed by Headquarters officials.



H.B. Rodine

Encl:  
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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A

Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Regional School Supt.,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Medical-Dental Building,  
1849 Yonge St.,  
TORONTO 7, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136(E11)  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

Director, Education Services

DATE Feb. 10/66

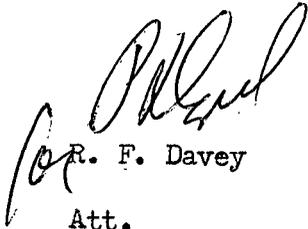
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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Sioux Narrows Joint School

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Please forward the cheque and Agreement to the Board. When the agreement has been signed, the original is to be returned for our records.

  
R. F. Davey

Att.



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Regional School Superintendent,  
Toronto, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136 (E)  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De Director - Education Services.

DATE December 23, 1965.

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SUBJECT  
Sujet Re Father Moss School - Sioux Narrows

Last week when I met Father Ferron I came to an agreement with him with respect to the cost of board and lodging for the Grade 9 and 10 students boarding in his residence; and also with respect to sharing the cost for the improvements to the water system. In this connection I attach a copy of my letter to Father Ferron which confirms my conversation with him.

You will note that in view of the high cost of board and lodging I advised Father Ferron that alternative accommodation arrangements would be made for these students for the term commencing September 1966. In other words, I do not expect there will be any students placed in the hostel operated by Father Ferron next school year. I anticipate there will be no difficulty in finding private boarding home accommodation in the larger centres of Northern Ontario.

  
R. F. Davey.





TO: REGIONAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT  
FROM: [Illegible]  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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cc - Mr. Rodine - Toronto  
Mr. P.C. Clarkin - Kenora

File: 129/25-8-136

Ottawa 2, December 24, 1965.

129/25-11-136 (E)

The Reverend R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Principal, Father Moss School,  
P.O. Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

I wish to confirm our conversation of last week in which I stated that we would accept accounts for board and lodging at the rate of \$105.00 per month for the 1965-66 school year. I believe we agreed that this rate was extremely high and that it would pertain only to the current school year. Alternative arrangements will be made for the students for the term commencing next September.

With regard to the capital improvements to the water system, as required by the health authorities, there seems to be some confusion in regard to this matter because our files seem to suggest that we are already paying for this through our tuition fee payments. However, from my discussion with you I am under the impression that there were actually two separate jobs in connection with the water supply. If my understanding is correct the first step was to install a water system which drew water from the lake. This was necessary because the wells that were drilled did not produce an adequate supply and I believe we have paid for this job through our normal tuition fee payments. When we discussed the matter recently I believe you indicated that the health authorities had insisted that the water intake be extended farther out into the lake, requiring a further expenditure and that your request for financial assistance refers only to this new job, which involved the extension of the inlet.

Would you please advise me as to whether or not my understanding is correct, and if so, advise me of the amount of this additional cost. If my memory is correct you undertook to submit such a statement so that our contribution would be based on the same proportionate share as our original payment towards the construction of the Father Moss School.

Yours sincerely,

GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION  
R. F. DAVEY

R. F. Davey,  
Director-Education Services.

*Rodine*  
*Lord Simons* 502

MAIL TO →

Mr. P.C. Clarkin,  
Supervising Principal,  
P.O. Box 30,  
Kenora, Ontario.

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129/25-11-136 (E.1)

Director - Education Services

December 3, 1965.

Father Moss School

I acknowledge your letter dated November 17th, regarding the Father Moss School. Voucher No. 504 has been passed to the Treasury office for payment. It is noted that Voucher No. 483 is cancelled.

With regard to the cost of the water system at the school site, I have reviewed this file. Father Ferron discussed this matter with Mr. Kaiser in 1964 and I am enclosing herewith a copy of Mr. Kaiser's letter of March 25th. You will note that we agreed to increase the per pupil fee from \$36.00 to \$40.00 per pupil per month. The additional \$4.00 per pupil being the Department's share of the water facilities.

There was never any undertaking to pay a flat sum as a contribution to the capital cost and I regret that Father Ferron's request for \$4,500.00 cannot be accepted.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:  
P. DEZIEL



R. F. Davey.

PD/ee



cc Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario

Superintendent, Kenora Agency

Ottawa 4, March 25, 1964.

129/25-11-136 (E14)

Reverend R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Father Moss School,  
P.O. Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 12th, 1964, relative to the cost of providing new water facilities.

In accordance with the discussions in Mr. Davey's office, we have agreed that the tuition fee paid on behalf of Indian pupils will be increased by an amount of \$4 per pupil per month, commencing February, 1964. A review of our records indicates that we have been paying an interim tuition fee at a rate of \$36 per pupil per month, and we will accept future billings at the rate of \$40 per pupil per month, subject to review when the final statement for the School Board is available at the close of the fiscal year.

The billing on the Branch for the retroactive portion of this additional payment should be submitted as an adjustment in tuition fees for the month of February, and indicated as increased tuition fees of \$4 per pupil. There should be no reference on the billing to the contribution towards the water line.

We shall arrange to forward a copy of this letter to the Superintendent of the Kenora Agency for his information. We regret that it would not be practical for us to pay a lump sum contribution as suggested in your letter.

Yours sincerely,  
ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
S. W. KAISER

R.F. Davey,  
Assistant Director, Education.

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Director - Education Services  
Ottawa

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Supervising Principal, Kenora

Nov. 17, 19

Father Moss School

Carbon copy of your memorandum to the Regional School Superintendent, dated November 9, 1965, is acknowledged.

I checked with Sioux Narrows School Board regarding duplication of bills. They advise that the one dated October 18 represents the true amount owing to them. It was forwarded to this office, without covering letter - hence the error in vouchering.

Voucher 504 is enclosed - the other, No. 483, is being cancelled.

A further item - Father Ferron pointed out that Indian Affairs is responsible for a half share of the cost of a \$9000 job on the water system at the school site. The \$4500 is still unpaid.

Will you please look into this matter and advise?



P.C. Clarkin

/mcd

c.c. Toronto



Supervising Principal,  
Kenora Inspectorate.

Regional Superintendent of Schools,  
Toronto.

129/25-11-136

November 8, 1965.

Father Moss Hostel.

Originally, when arrangements were agreed on for the accommodation of students at the Father Moss Joint School, it was understood that provision would be made for high school students only. Following the establishment of this arrangement it now appears that elementary grade students are also being admitted to the hostel and school. Recently we received an application on behalf of a boy from the Siskiyew reserve and now we are in receipt of an application for a boy from Red Lake. It appears that these students are being enrolled in the school prior to approval of admission.

In order that we can fairly assess this situation may I receive a description of the hostel accommodation at this school. With the assistance of a rough sketch please indicate:

- dimensions of the building.
- description and dimensions of boys & girls dormitories.
- washroom facilities.
- dining facilities.
- supervision.

I will await your early submission of this report.

  
H. B. Rodine.

FMS/jep.

Copy to Mr. Rodine

Father Moss School

*[Handwritten initials]*

Kenora

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
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COMMISSION SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE

BOX OR C.P. 218

Sioux Narrows, ONTARIO, CANADA

July 17, 1965.

Mr. E. Rooney,  
Supervising Principal.

Dear Mr. Rooney:

Since our last telephonic conversation was not sufficient to clarify entirely the varied problems affecting our integrated school of Sioux Narrows, I am using the medium of your next meeting with Mr. Rodine in order to bring you more details regarding the following points:

- 1) TRUANCY OFFICER: *Reports have it that Lac Seul is "afraid" of parents - hides at times.* My impression is that we agree that this special service be carried on for another year. As you have suggested Mr. Lac Seul will ride the School Buses more frequently. His usual procedure of the past was to proceed on the Reserves after receiving the list of absentees from the Principal.
- 2) SUPERVISED STUDIES: *Whitefish Bay I.D.S. We opened the school at night last winter - no pupils came.* It does not seem possible to obtain the consent of all the Indian Parents on this subject. A few are still requesting that the children be home early for the chores. The system of using the day-schools on the Reserves with an attractive program might work to a certain extent. If the Branch is inclined to accept this suggestion, we will give our full co-operation.
- 3) OPPORTUNITY CLASS: *not so! Only if list of pupils reviewed first by inspector approved.* We have discussed this angle together already and have concurred in the necessity of such a class in our school. Until the day-schools on the two Reserves have reached a degree of parity with our standard we will continue to have a good percentage of Indian pupils who need a special up-grading. The School Board is willing to go ahead with this opportunity class but cannot support the financial burden of the wages of an extra Teacher. If the Branch is willing to pay the wages of this particular Teacher as an "extra", the Board will be glad to share all the other expenses involved in this particular case.
- 4) *Whitefish Bay Reserve School* The Parents of Whitefish Bay Reserve are presently signing a petition asking for a full pledge KINDERGARTEN at the day-school with transportation to be provided for these young children during the Winter period. *Sounds like he wants to put on "his" bus at "noon" - as driver free!!! Bus could pick up on arriving in morning.*
- 5) Our adult education program is being organized under the supervision of Mr. R. F. Lavack, Community Programmes Branch of the Department of Education of Ontario and will be administered by Mr. Kevin Nolan who has a good qualified educational background for such a position. *Classroom available with desks - used before! Ont. has now withheld \$35,000 loan. Saw 2 floor adult center last week. 21/7/65*

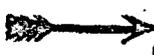
Wishing you a very pleasant holiday and hoping that before your final departure, I will have an opportunity to express our deep gratitude for the splendid work you have carried on in our area during your short stay in office.

Very sincerely yours,

*R. Ferron, o.m.i.*  
R. Ferron, o.m.i.

RF:al

c.c. Mr. H. B. Rodine,  
Toronto.

MAIL TO 

cc Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario

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RS,  
129/25-11-136(El.)

Reverend R. Ferron,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
P.O. Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Ottawa 4, September 9, 1964.

Dear Father Ferron:

Further to our telegram of September 4th, enclosed please find a cheque in the amount of \$9,666.68, representing the final payment in connection with the Sioux Narrows Joint School, in accordance with the agreement dated March 16th, 1964.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
P. DEZIEL

R.F. Davey,  
Assistant Director, Education

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Citizenship Building  
OTTAWA, Ontario

file: 129/25-11-136(RS1)

September 4, 1964

REURTEL SEPTEMBER 3 RE SIOUX NARROWS JOINT SCHOOL. INSPECTION MADE TODAY  
AND FINAL PAYMENT RECOMMENDED.

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*phoned. -gb.  
Sept. 4*

*G. S. Lapp*  
G. S. Lapp  
Regional Supervisor  
of Indian Agencies

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**Canadian National  
Telecommunications Company**

Hereinafter called the Company.

J. R. White, general manager, Toronto.

Terms and conditions upon which telegraph and cable messages shall be transmitted are prescribed by Order No. 49274, dated December 5th, 1932, of the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada and published in The Canada Gazette.

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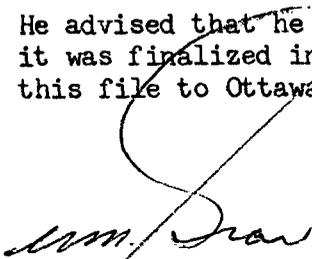
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129/25-11-136(RS1)

September 4, 1964

Peter Swartman telephoned me this morning from Sioux Narrows following his inspection of the Sioux Narrows Joint School.

He advised that he had inspected the building thoroughly and that it was finalized in all detail and, therefore, I sent a wire on this file to Ottawa recommending that final payment be made.

  
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G S LAPP, REGIONAL SUPERVISOR OF INDIAN AGENCIES=

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SUBMIT IMMEDIATELY YOUR RECOMMENDATION RE RELEASE OF  
FINAL PAYMENT SIOUX NARROWS JOINT SCHOOL AS PER OUR  
LETTERS AUGUST 6 AND 20TH=T

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J. R. White, general manager • directeur général, Toronto

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TO  
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Regional Supervisor, Fort William

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YOUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136  
Votre dossier (ER)

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OUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136  
Notre dossier (A1)

FROM  
De

Superintendent, Kenora Agency

DATE August 17/64

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Father Moss Joint School

The two classroom addition to the above noted school was inspected by Mr. Swartman of this office on August 14th.

He reports that the two classrooms are completed with the exception of the installation of inside window casings, installation of chalk boards and interior painting.

This work will be completed possibly within the next week or so.

*W. E. Law*  
E. Law.

*Copy to Toronto,*  
*Aug 19/64,*  
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# MEMORANDUM

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TO  
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Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
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129/25-11-136(E4) <sup>OR</sup>

DATE

August 6, 1964.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director, Education

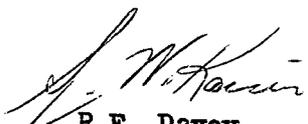
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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Father Moss Joint School,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter received from Father Ferron concerning the construction of two additional classrooms at the Father Moss School.

Would you please let us have a report as to the progress made in connection with this addition, and also a recommendation as to whether or not the final payment should be made on the department's contribution of \$29,000.00.

  
R.F. Davey.

Attach.

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Superintendent, Kenora

129/25-11-136 (ER)

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

August 11, 1964

Father Moss Joint School

The enclosed letter has been received from Ottawa.

On your earliest trip to Whitefish Bay Reserve it is requested that you visit the Father Moss Joint School to determine whether the two new classrooms are nearing completion. Your progress report is urgently required.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
F. M. SHAW.

*for*  
G. S. Lapp

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Encl.

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FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario, Canada.  
July 31st, 1964.

Mr. R.F. Davey,  
Assistant Director, Education,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Davey:

Referring you to the memorandum of agreement made the 16th day of March, 1964, between your Minister and this School Board.

The two new classrooms are practically completed and the work is now progressing on the other improvements to be made.

It would be of great help to us if the balance of the \$29,000.00 could be forwarded in the near future.

Thanking you for your past and present cooperation.

Very sincerely,

(sgd) R.Ferron, OMI.

R. Ferron, Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

ER

Port Arthur, Ontario,  
August 6, 1964.

129/25-11-136

Father R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Father Moss School,  
Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows,  
Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

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I acknowledge your letter of August 4th with enclosed letters from Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]. I wish to advise that teachers for Seine River have been obtained.

Yours truly,



L. R. Fawcett,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur, Ont.

LRF:am

c.c. - Regional Supervisor, North Bay. ✓  
- Mr. [REDACTED], Nestor Falls, Ontario.

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Port Arthur, Ontario,  
August 5, 1964.

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129/25-11-136

Father R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Father Moss Joint School,  
Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows,  
Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

Please be advised that the following new pupils will be enrolling in Grade 4 in your school in September:-

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This, along with the 7 pupils from Whitefish Bay, will be the new enrolment for Father Moss Joint School. The Whitefish Bay pupils were listed in a letter dated July 16th.

Yours truly,

*L.R. Fawcett*

L. R. Fawcett,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur, Ontario.

LRF:am

c.c. - Regional Supervisor, North Bay  
c.c. - Supt. H. Gauthier, Fort Frances Agency  
c.c. - Mr. J. Douglas, Principal, Father Moss School,  
Sioux Narrows.

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Port Arthur, Ontario,  
July 16, 1964.

129/25-11-136

Father R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Father Moss Joint School,  
Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

Please be advised that the following new pupils will be enrolling in grade five in your school in September:

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[REDACTED]	Whitefish Bay;
	Whitefish Bay ;
	Whitefish Bay;
	Shoal Lake;
	Whitefish Bay;
	Whitefish Bay;
[REDACTED]	Whitefish Bay;

I presume the school will make available whatever additional records there are for these pupils.

Yours truly,

L. R. Fawcett,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

lrf-njc  
c.c. Regional Supervisor, North Bay;  
c.c. Superintendent Law, Kenora;  
c.c. Mr. J. Douglas, Principal, Father Moss School,  
Sioux Narrows.

MAIL TO  cc Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario  
Superintendent, Kenora

Ottawa 4, May 4, 1964.

*ER*  
129/25-11-136(El)

Rev. R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees of Sioux Narrows,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

Re: Father Moss Joint School

With reference to your letter dated April 27th, arrangements are being made to have a cheque in the amount of \$1,523.50 issued to the Sioux Narrows Separate School Board as an adjustment on the 1963 tuition fees payable for Indian children attending the Father Moss School.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
S. W. KAISEN

R.F. Davey,  
Assistant Director, Education

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District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur

129/25-11-136

129/25-11-136(ER)

Regional School Superintendent,  
North Bay

April 30th, 1964.

Father Moss Joint School

This is to confirm that high school students for the general course in grades 9 and 10 may be enrolled in the Father Moss Joint School.

As our Branch is responsible for the maintenance of these students it will be necessary for Branch staff to assure that the available living accommodation is satisfactory. Thus as students are recommended for this school it is suggested that you contact Father Ferron regarding their living accommodation. It will then be possible for you to inspect the accommodation to assure that it is adequate and establish the rates of board and room.

This is submitted in reply to your letter of April 29th.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
F. M. SHAW

F. M. Shaw.

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# MEMORANDUM

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TO  
A Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier *[Handwritten initials]*

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur,

DATE April 29/64.

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SUBJECT  
Sujet Father Moss Joint School

The discussion held between officials of the Oblates and Indian Affairs Branch on March 18, in Winnipeg indicated that the Branch was willing to place Indian high school students wishing an academic education in the Father Moss Joint School. It was further understood that the School Board at Sioux Narrows would be responsible for finding accommodation for these students and supervising them.

May I receive confirmation of this plan.

L. R. Fawcett.

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District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur

129/25-11-136  
(ER1)

Regional School Superintendent,  
North Bay

April 2, 1964.

Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows, Ont.

Attached is a copy of a letter received to-day from Ottawa regarding cost of installing a water line to the Father Moss School. A copy of this letter is being forwarded to Mr. Law with Voucher No. 1113.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
F. M. SHAW

F. M. Shaw,  
Regional School Superintendent.

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c.c. Mr. Law



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
A

Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25-11-136(El4)

DATE

March 25, 1964.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director, Education

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows, Ontario

We wish to acknowledge the memorandum of Superintendent of the Kenora Agency dated March 13th, relative to the cost of installing a water line to the Father Moss School.

When this matter was discussed with Father Ferron in Ottawa, it was agreed that rather than make a further capital contribution to this school, the expenditure should be treated as an operating expense through which our share would be paid in tuition fees. In order to assist in meeting the cost of this installation in the current year, it was agreed that the tuition fee would be increased by the amount of \$4 per pupil per month, and billings would be submitted accordingly.

Attached is a copy of our reply to Father Ferron in this connection for the information of the Agency Superintendent. We are also returning Voucher 1113.

  
R.F. Davey.

Attachs.

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cc Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario  
Superintendent, Kenora Agency

Ottawa 4, March 25, 1964.

129/25-11-136 (814)

Reverend E. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Father Koss School,  
P.O. Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of March 12th, 1964, relative to the cost of providing new water facilities.

In accordance with the discussions in Mr. Davey's office, we have agreed that the tuition fee paid on behalf of Indian pupils will be increased by an amount of \$4 per pupil per month, commencing February, 1964. A review of our records indicates that we have been paying an interim tuition fee at a rate of \$36 per pupil per month, and we will accept future billings at the rate of \$40 per pupil per month, subject to review when the final statement for the School Board is available at the close of the fiscal year.

The billing on the Branch for the retroactive portion of this additional payment should be submitted as an adjustment in tuition fees for the month of February, and indicated as increased tuition fees of \$4 per pupil. There should be no reference on the billing to the contribution towards the water line.

We shall arrange to forward a copy of this letter to the Superintendent of the Kenora Agency for his information. We regret that it would not be practical for us to pay a lump sum contribution as suggested in your letter.

Yours sincerely,  
ORIGINAL  
S. W. KAISEN

R.F. Davey,  
Assistant Director, Education.

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Copy for Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario

MAIL   
REGISTERED

Mr. L.R. Fawcett,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur, Ontario.

129/25-11-136

129/25-11-136 (E4)

Assistant Director, Education

March 24, 1964.

Sioux Narrows Joint School

With reference to your memorandum of March 11th, enclosed please find a cheque in the amount of \$19,333.32, representing two-thirds contribution towards the provision of joint educational facilities at the Father Moss School.

Also enclosed are three completed copies of the Memorandum of Agreement. Please present one copy of the memorandum and the cheque to the School Trustees at the earliest possible date.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
S. W. KAISER

R.F. Davey.

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MEMORANDUM

Classification

To: Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa

Your File No.

From: Regional Supervisor, North Bay  
**Water Line, Father Moss Separate School,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.**

Our File No. **129/25-11-136  
(ERI)**

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

This will refer to Mr. Law's letter dated March 13, 1964

- The above is being returned - (as checked below)
- The above is being held in abeyance pending receipt of - (as checked below)
- The above is attached - (as checked below)
- Please note - (as checked below)

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REMARKS: We do not have any previous correspondence on this matter.  
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c.c. Mr. Law

Original Signed by  
G. S. LAPP  
G. S. Lapp

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

129/25-11-136(A2)

Superintendent, Kenora Agency

March 13, 1964

Water Line  
Father Moss Separate School  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario

Attached please find our Voucher No. 1113 for \$320.00 from the Catholic School Trustees, Sioux Narrows, which represents the monthly billing of our share of the cost of installing a water line from the lake to Father Moss School.

Also attached is a copy of a self-explanatory letter from Father R. Ferron to Mr. R.F. Davey, Assistant Director, Education, giving the particulars in this matter.

As we have received no previous correspondence from Headquarters or Regional Office on this expenditure we are forwarding the account for your attention.



E. Law

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encs.

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FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

Box 218

Sioux Narrows, Ontario

March 12, 1964

Mr. R.F. Davey  
Assistant Director, Education  
Indian Affairs, Ottawa

Dear Mr. Davey:

You might recall while I visited you last February, Mr. S.W. Kaiser being present, that we agreed that your contribution towards our new water facilities would amount to about \$3000.00.

The enclosed copy shows that the Department of Education of Ontario approved \$3000.00 as their share.

It was suggested at the time, that your contribution be paid as part of the tuition fee on a monthly basis of \$4.00 per pupil starting last February.

On our February statement we submitted the charge as part of the tuition fee, it was refused at the Kenora Agency.

Consequently, at the request of the Agency, we submitted a separate statement for your contribution towards the water line and the enclosed letter is the answer.

Trusting you will be in a position to clarify the situation in the very near future.

To conclude may we suggest, if at all feasible, in order to avoid the complications mentioned previously, that the contribution be paid as a lump-sum as part of the tuition fees.

Thanking you for your past and present co-operation.

Yours very sincerely,

RF:al  
Enc. Copy of letter  
also Additional Tentative  
approval of building project.

R. Ferron, Secretary

c.c. Mr. E. Law, Superintendent  
Kenora

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa,

129/25-11-136  
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c.r. 25/11-136

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur,

March 9, 1964.

This letter will confirm your telegram of March 3 and letter of March 5 and the Winnipeg meeting on Wednesday, March 18. With rather tight scheduling, I think it preferable to meet at the Regional Office at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon. Unless other matters require my presence, I plan to leave at 7:00 am on March 19 for Port Arthur.

*L.R. Fancett*

L. R. FANCETT.

LEF/njc

c.c. Regional Supervisor, North Bay. ✓

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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
A

Mr. F.M. Shaw,  
Regional School Superintendent,  
NORTH BAY, Ontario.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25-11-136 (E)

DATE

Ottawa 4, March 5, 1964.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director, Education.

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SUBJECT  
Sujet

With reference to our conversation of yesterday afternoon, I have informed Father Lizée that you will be present at the meeting.

It is my intention to arrive in Winnipeg by flight No. 807 which reaches Winnipeg at eleven o'clock. I shall go immediately to the City Centre Motel which is just across the street from the regional office.

I have suggested to Mr. Fawcett that he meet me at the City Centre Motel for lunch or if that is not convenient, we meet in the regional office at two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, March 18th.

  
R. F. Davey.

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                unmarked

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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
A Regional Supervisor, North Bay

YOUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136(E11)  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De Assistant Director (Education)

DATE Feb. 13/64

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SUBJECT  
Sujet Sioux Narrows Joint School

I am sending you herewith five copies of the Memorandum of Agreement for the above school. Would you please obtain the necessary signature of the Board, duly witnessed, and return all five copies to this office.

Beneath the signature for the Board the signatory should be requested to indicate his office.

To  
L R Everett

*R. F. Davey*  
R. F. Davey

Attachs.

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Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa

129/25-11-136 (E10)

129/25-11-136 (ER1)

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

January 31, 1964.

Father Moss School.

As requested in your letter of January 10, attached are copies of the Joint School Submission for the Father Moss School.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
V. M. GRAN

f G. S. Lapp.

c.c. Mr. Fawcett  
Mr. Law

Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

129/25-11-136  
(ER)

129/25-11-136

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur,

Jan.29, 1964.

Father Moss Joint School -  
Joint School Submission

As requested in Ottawa's letter to you dated January 10,  
and your letter to us of January 21, we are enclosing a Joint  
School Submission for the two classroom addition to the Father  
Moss Joint School. We trust you will find it in order.



L. R. FAWCETT.

LRF/njc  
Enc.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS  
BRANCH



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF  
CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

REFER TO FILE NUMBER  
1/25-11 (E10)

JOINT SCHOOL SUBMISSION

One copy of this form, completed by the school inspector, is to accompany the firm figures on the contribution of the department to a new joint school.

1. The full official title of the contracting party:

Sioux Narrows Separate School Board

2. The name of the proposed school:

Father Loss

3. Have the Band Council and/or the parents expressed

themselves in favour of the joint school? Yes X No    

4. NEW CONSTRUCTION

Entirely new building: Yes     No X

Addition to existing building: Yes X No    

Number of Classrooms: 2 <sup>additional</sup> Gymnasium:    

Home Economics rooms:     Industrial Arts room:    

Library:     Laboratory:    

Teachers' quarters provided: Yes     No X

For how many Teachers?    

5. ESTIMATED COST OF NEW CONSTRUCTION

Contracted cost of construction \$ 50,000.00

Site and landscaping cost nil

Architect's fee 3000.00

School equipment and furnishings 5000.00

Total cost \$ 58,000.00

6. THE JOINT SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Number of non-Indian pupils    

Number of Indian pupils      
Whitefish Day, Assabaska

Band     Religion H.C. Aboriginal, Presbyterian

Name of school presently attending:

Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong Indian Day Schools

Grades in which Indian pupils will receive instruction

at the joint school <sup>10</sup> ~~grades 4 - 6~~ from Sabaskong and Grades 5 - <sup>10</sup> ~~6~~ from Whitofish

Give residential status of Indian children living outside Bay

a reserve \_\_\_\_\_

7. Total amount of the contribution of the Department

to the cost of the <sup>addition</sup> new school \$ 29,000

Approximate per capita cost of

new construction \$ 800 =

8. Date construction to begin next May -

9. Has construction of new school the approval of  
the Provincial Government? Yes X No ✓ N.A. \_\_\_\_\_

1963 R.F.T.

10. If this joint school represents an expansion of a  
joint school already in existence give date of agreement,

cost of school, contribution of Canadian Government and

number of Indian and non-Indian pupils involved:

(a) Date of Agreement Mar. 10/62 Total cost \$ 172,052 original  
191,923 final cost

Federal Contribution \$ 95,007 (86,026 & 8,982)

Indian pupils 80 Non-Indian pupils \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Date of Agreement \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Indian pupils \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Indian pupils \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Date of Agreement \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Indian pupils \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Indian pupils \_\_\_\_\_

11. If Indian pupils are to be transferred from an Indian day  
school complete this section:

Construction date of day school \_\_\_\_\_

Number of classrooms to be evacuated \_\_\_\_\_

Number of classrooms to continue in operation \_\_\_\_\_

The teaching staff will be reduced by \_\_\_\_\_ teachers.

12. Distance of joint school from the centre of the Indian school population 11 & 26 miles. If school transportation is necessary give the approximate length of the school bus route:  
                     miles.

13. Will the joint accommodation provided by the joint school meet the needs of the age group to attend this school for the next five years?  
Yes  No

If the answer is NO comment briefly on anticipated expansion:

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OTTAWA,  
February, 1959.

St. 1046

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur

129/25-11-136 (ER)

Regional School Superintendent,  
North Bay

January 21, 1964.

Father Moss School

As requested in Head Office's letter of January 10th  
may I receive a Joint School Submission recommending the provision for  
an additional thirty-five pupils at this Joint School, thus bringing  
the total to one hundred and fifteen.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
F. M. SHAW

:cyp

F. M. Shaw.



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
A

Regional Supervisor - Northern Ontario  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

129/25-11-136 (ER)

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25-11-136 (E10)

DATE

January 10, 1964.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

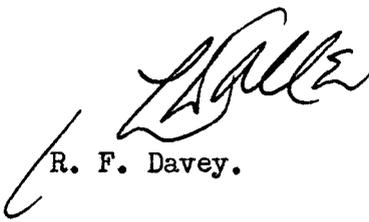
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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Father Moss School

I refer to your memorandum of December 23rd and the attached data on the above school.

Would you please prepare a Joint School Submission Form recommending the provision for an additional thirty-five pupils at this joint school bringing the total to 115. Construction estimates can be obtained from Father Ferron who should be advised that the recommendation is going forward to Ottawa.

  
R. F. Davey.

c.c. Mr. L.R. Fawcett

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Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa

129/25-11-136 (E10)

129/25-11-136(ER)

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

December 23, 1963.

Father Moss Joint School

The attached report is submitted in reply to your letter of December 6th, 1963.

Unless the children's Aid Society or Welfare places a large number of children on the Whitefish Bay Reserve, the Branch's purchase of an additional thirty-five spaces (one classroom) should give us adequate accommodation for five years. Furthermore, as our projection provides for all children remaining till end of Grade X and we would hope some at the end of Grade VIII would transfer for technical or commercial training, the 115 figure should be very safe.

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G. S. Lapp.

Encl.

Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

129/25-11-136  
(ER)

129/25-11-136

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur,

December 16/63.

Father Moss Joint School

We acknowledge your memorandum dated December 12, 1963, in which further information is requested on the Father Moss Joint School.

Present Enrolment at Father Moss Joint School

<u>Grade</u>	<u>From Sabaskong</u>	<u>From Whitefish Bay</u>	
1	2	4	
2	2	1	
3	4	1	
4	7	3	
5	3	13	
6	2	4	
7	4	8	
8	6	8	
9	4	3	
10	4	0	
	<u>38</u>	<u>45</u>	Total 83

Regional Supervisor, North Bay -2-

December 16, 1963.

Present Enrolment (Treaty and Non-Treaty at  
Sabaskong and Whitefish Bay

B - 9	B - 12
1 - 8	1 - 13
2 - 5	2 - 10
3 - 3	3 - 7
	4 - 9

Section 3 of my October 10th letter to your office includes all children. Some slight change is noted.

Admissions to Father Moss Joint School:

1964 - 12  
1965 - 12  
1966 - 18  
1967 - 22

Graduations, if all proceed to the end of Grade 10

1964 - 4  
1965 - 7  
1966 - 14  
1967 - 12

Net increase

1964 - 8  
1965 - 5  
1966 - 4  
1967 - 10

In the last paragraph of your December 12th letter, you summarize anticipated enrolment at the Joint School as follows:

1964 - 89  
1965 - 95  
1966 - 99  
1967 - 103  
1968 - 109

Regional Supervisor, North Bay -3-

December 16, 1963.

Basically, I would agree with your figures realizing that there may be dropouts at the high school level and realizing that we may be able to persuade some of the grade 8 graduates to transfer to technical or commercial courses elsewhere.

With respect to the grades that are taught at Sabaskong (Grades 1 to 3) and Whitefish Bay (Grades 1 to 4), I would suspect that we are gradually obtaining control of enrolment at Father Moss from these grades. I have requested that we be informed in April, of those children who wish to attend the Joint School and we will review each case. As has happened in the past, we have had no control over these admissions and have been presented with the fait accompli. The number that could be added to the Joint School enrolment would not number two a year, I am sure. Consequently, I would not include grades being taught at our day schools to the projected enrolment.

If we have purchased spaces for 80 children and we will have 110 at the end of 5 years, one additional classroom would cover our needs at this time and would provide for 80 plus 35, or 115 pupils.

LRF/njc

*H. Fawcett*

*for* L. R. Fawcett.

Signed in Mr. Fawcett's absence (a week)

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District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur

129/25-11-136(ER)

Regional School Superintendent,  
North Bay

December 12, 1963.

Father Moss Joint School

Father Ferron was at our office last week consulting with Mr. Lapp regarding our attitude toward a two class-room addition to his school. We assured Father Ferron that we had recommended to Head Office equal sharing of the cost of this construction. You have a copy of our letter of November 6th, 1963, on this recommendation.

From the attached letter you will note that there does not appear to be an agreement regarding projected enrolment. In our letter of November 6th we calculated on the basis of the Branch presently having space for fifty-three pupils ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of 3x35), however, Head Office maintains the agreement gives us eighty spaces. I did not include the non-treaty children but Head Office indicates they must be included. Thus, including the non-treaty children the figures from your letter of October 10th, 1963, gives,

Present enrolment	83
Anticipated enrolment 9/64	92
Projected enrolment 9/65	96
Projected enrolment 9/66	108

Do your figures in Section 3 of your October 10th letter include non-treaty children ?

Since children are admitted from Crow Portage Reserve at end of Grade III and from Whitefish Bay Reserve at end of Grade IV from where do the children come who are presently shown in Grades I to III. Can we predict how many children will enrol in these three grades during next five years?

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My enclosed projection does not show children for Grades 1 to 111 - should it? I am estimating withdrawals at end of Grade VIII and IX. This is one point we did not come to an agreement with Father Ferron. He maintains that there are some students who require the "sheltered" accommodation offered by the Father Moss School. We agreed there are a few - but only very few. He maintains that a student requiring this shelter should be permitted to remain till end of Grade X even if he desires technical and must repeat Grade X in the provincial high school in order to pursue this course. On this we did not agree. However, Father Ferron did state that students at the end of Grade VIII who are suitable for a provincial high school should be permitted to transfer. Thus, the second figure in Grade VIII and IX are estimates of transfer.

In the light of the attached Head Office letter and my remarks, may I receive your projection on enclosed form. The points on which I am not sure are:

1. How many new admissions we have for Grades 1 to 111.
2. If non-treaty children are included in your figures Section 3 , letter October 10th.

Head Office indicates Father Ferron anticipates an increase of ten children each year. With no drop-outs till end of Grade X, my projection would show an increase of

September, 1964 - 7 (11-4)	Total	89
" 1965 - 6 (12-6)	"	95
" 1966 - 4 (16-12)	"	99
" 1967 - 4 (17-13)	"	103
" 1968 - 6 (11-5)	"	109

This does not include any new admissions at Grade 1 level.

May I receive an early reply.

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Encl.

  
F. M. Shaw.

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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
A

Regional Supervisor - Northern Ontario  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier  
129/25-11-136 (ER)

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier  
129/25-11-136 (E10)  
DATE  
December 6, 1963.

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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Father Moss Joint School

Attached is a copy of my letter to Father Ferron which follows the discussion I had with him today on the above subject.

This letter confirms the main points that were established. The only contentious point raised was the potential Indian enrolment over the next five years. Father Ferron informs me that there are eighty-three Indian children now in the school and he appeared to be of the opinion that this number would increase by something in the neighbourhood of ten pupils per year which does not coincide with the figures stated in your letter of November 6th. Some of the discrepancy can be accounted for by the non-Indian pupils residing on the reserves for whom we must assume responsibility.

You will note that there is no question as to the amount of accommodation we have already purchased. This rules out the statement in your letter to the effect that we have only purchased accommodation for fifty-four pupils. Father Ferron referred to this subject of pupilage as a "sore point" and he was of the opinion that we had not been careful enough in making our count. He also referred to a family of children who were attending the Father Moss School that were definitely institutional cases. This should be taken up with Mr. Fawcett to make certain that, if necessary, they are placed in a residential school next year.

I asked Father Ferron what could be done to improve the attendance at the joint school and suggested to him that we should attempt to organize School Committees at Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong and to get teachers at the two schools who would support and encourage the work of the School Committee in its efforts to improve school attendance. I also suggested that there should be occasional conferences between the teachers at the joint school and

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the teachers in our schools. I believe some of these points were raised at the regional office on the occasion of Father Ferron's latest visit.

Would you please carry out the survey to which I refer in my letter to Father Ferron without delay and let me have the figures within two weeks.



R. F. Davey.

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MAIL TO →

Regional Supervisor - Northern Ontario  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

c.c. Mr. F.M. Shaw  
Mr. L.R. Fawcett

129/25-11-136 (110)

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Rev. R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

OTTAWA 4, December 6, 1963.

Dear Father Ferron:

I refer to our discussions of December 6th relative to the Father Moss Joint School. We established the fact that accommodation for eighty Indian children had been provided in this joint school by our agreement of 1962. You advised me that there were now eighty-three Indian children enrolled in the school and that an undetermined increase could be expected over the next five years. The expansion of the total school enrolment has compelled your School Board to consider additional classroom space and the Board has approached the Ontario Department of Education for authority to provide two additional classrooms. I understand that the plan which you showed me has been submitted to the Department of Education for approval. You further advised me that an enrolment of about 200 children is expected in the school year beginning September, 1964, and for whom the Board will operate six classrooms providing the two new classrooms are authorized.

I undertook to request the Regional Office to reassess the projected pupilage for the joint school and to make a five-year projection. On the basis of this five year projection a contribution to the additional classrooms for the Father Moss Joint School will be made. I shall endeavour to get these figures without delay so that you can be informed on the estimated contribution you may expect from Indian Affairs. It is understood that the construction costs will be approximately \$50,000.

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I shall endeavour to have this information for you within the next two or three weeks. Any assistance you can give the Agency offices in projecting the Indian school population for the Father Moss School will be appreciated.

Thank you for your cooperation and interest.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
R. F. DAVEY,

R. F. Davey,  
Assistant Director (Education).

129/25-11-136

Port Arthur, Ontario,  
November 27, 1963.

Father R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Father Moss Joint School,  
Sioux Narrows,  
Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

We note your request for \$150.00 to be used to purchase gifts for the Indian children attending the Father Moss Joint School. You further add that the Improvement District of Sioux Narrows supplies money for the gifts of the other children at the Father Moss School.

This type of request is difficult to handle and we suggest that the gifts be supplied by your Board and that our Branch be billed with the December account for tuition. If this appears to present any difficulties, please advise immediately and we will make our needs known to our Regional Office in North Bay.

Yours very truly,



L. R. FAWCETT,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

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c.c. Regional Supervisor, North Bay

Superintendent Law, Kenora

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129/25-11-136

Port Arthur, Ontario,  
November 6, 1963.

Father R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Father Moss Joint School,  
Sioux Narrows,  
Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

We acknowledge your letter of October 25 in which you discuss expansion plans for the Father Moss School, and the future of the adult education programme.

On October 10, a complete report of enrolment, present and future, was forwarded to North Bay by this office. During the next five years we will require additional space providing high school students do not drop out until completion of grade ten. There seems to be some discussion on the sending of grades nine and ten to Kenora where they will be able to enroll in commercial and technical courses, as well as academic. Fifty miles, the distance from Kenora, indicates more than one hour of bus travel by these pupils from Sioux Narrows. How does the cost of transportation, when one considers provincial grant, compare with the cost of operating a school room by the local board. Variety of courses, including grades beyond grade ten must be considered, and this cannot be assessed in terms of money. I trust you will not consider these remarks as interference with your Board, but when we must plan for five years, we should know whether or not Indian pupils will be in a high school in Sioux Narrows.

Our attitude should be made clear to your board, in that we prefer our pupils to take those courses for which they are best suited. It is our experience that most Indian high school pupils benefit more from commercial and technical courses, and for this reason we would prefer them to be bussed to Kenora. We would appreciate a written report on this area of discussion from your Board.

Father R. Ferron, O.M.I.

-2- November 6, 1963.

We note a comment on adult education and when you refer to "preliminary plans drawn by an architect", I assume you are considering school expansion for this purpose. We are attempting to assess the effectiveness of the adult education carried on at Sioux Narrows last year in which we had 6-8 Indian people enrolled in the mechanical course, but have no figures on females in what you referred to as the home economics course. Has your Board evaluated last winter's work? With respect to building plans and future courses, have you considered the Schedule 5 Courses offered by the National Employment Services at the Beaver Brae High School in Kenora? If their programme is operated similar to the one here in Port Arthur, the number and kind of courses is limited only by candidates and teaching personnel. It is my opinion, that it would be less expensive to the local board and likely more beneficial to those enrolled if all adult courses were taken in Kenora. Organizers of the course would likely be sympathetic to local needs which your Board could spell out for them.

Thank you for your offer of discussing these matters with me in my office. Depending on your attitude to the above, it may be necessary to discuss further any expansion plans. I am satisfied that we require additional space for 20 to 30 children providing the school teaches to the end of grade ten. If a change is contemplated, a further examination of enrolment is necessary.

Yours very truly,



L. R. Fawcett,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

LRP/njc

c.c. Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa;

Regional Supervisor, North Bay; ✓

Mr. M. Chochla, Separate School Inspector,  
Kenora;

Mr. R. Lavack, District Representative,  
Community Programmes Branch,  
Box 1949, Dryden, Ont.

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Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa

129/25-11-136(E10)

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Regional Supervisor, North Bay

November 6, 1963.

Father Moss Joint School

The attached report and this covering letter are in reply to your letter of August 13 and further to our letter of July 16th.

Though the joint agreement provides accommodation for eighty Indian children, with only three standard classrooms in the school, it would appear that our Branch has purchased space for only fifty-three children ( $\frac{1}{2}$  of 3 x 35 ). The utility room is being used for noon lunches.

The estimated enrolment of Indian children for this school according to Mr. Fawcett's report is

September, 1963	-	69 + 14 = 83	
September, 1964	-	78	5
September, 1965	-	82	
September, 1966	-	94	110

These figures include the non-treaty children some of whom live off the reserve. More detail regarding the division of these non-treaty children between the reserve and outside the reserve will be procured; also responsibility for education. It would also appear from Mr. Fawcett's figures that there would be twelve graduates in 1966, thus an increase of six children for September, 1966 for a total enrolment of eighty-eight. With fifty-three spaces already available to our Branch, an additional classroom would increase our purchased space to eighty-eight.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 35 = 105$

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Regarding high school, to the extent the province approves the high school grades, our students could continue at this school for the academic course. The province presently approves to the end of Grade X. With such a small population around Sioux Narrows, it is not likely the province would approve beyond Grade X. Students with aptitudes for commercial and technical courses should be encouraged to transfer at the end of Grade VIII to the Lakehead. It is recognized that the prevalence of outside influence greatly interferes with wise streaming of the students. As there is no definite plan for busing high school students to Kenora, this aspect need not affect our present thinking, however, this possibility will be further pursued.

The operation of a Home Economics room and Industrial Arts shop at this school would permit:

1. Courses for Grade VII and VIII pupils.
2. Technical subjects for Grades IX and X, thus permitting the boys to remain at this school till the end of Grade X in technical stream.
3. Increased optionals for Grade IX and X boys and girls.
4. Possible occupational course.
5. Adult Education: With respect 1, 2, 3, and 4, the small enrolment at this school and the small projected enrolment does not warrant so great an expense for so few students. Furthermore, to provide technical subjects on a standard required to permit these boys to transfer to Grade XI in a technical school would require a very well equipped shop and qualified staff which would prove costly for so few students. Regarding adult education, any programme offered at this school could not be as satisfactory or effective as that presently offered through the Federal - Provincial Programme 5. We have been receiving excellent co-operation from the special service branch of National Employment Services.

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Though it would be desirable to have a Home Economics room and Industrial shop at the Father Moss Joint School, the extent to which such facilities could be effectively and efficiently utilized does not warrant such a great expense on the part of our Branch.

It is recommended that our Branch make a capital contribution to the extent of half the cost of constructing and furnishing two classrooms.

*FSM*

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Encl.  
c.c. Mr. L. R. Fawcett

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
*G. S. LAPP*

G. S. Lapp.



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
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Regional Supervisor, North Bay.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier 129/25-11-136(E14)

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

DATE

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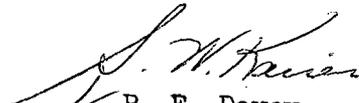
November 4, 1963.

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Skating Rink - Father Moss Joint School

We wish to acknowledge your memorandum of October 28, 1963, and the representations which were received with respect to sharing in the cost of a school rink.

Please be advised that we concur with the recommendation of Mr. Fawcett that the school district undertake this expenditure as part of their operations so that the cost of the enterprise will be reflected in the operating cost of the school and our contribution will be provided on the normal pro-rata basis.

  
R. F. Davey.

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Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa

129/25-11-136 (ER)

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

October 28, 1963.

Skating Rink - Father Moss Joint School

Please note the attached correspondence covering a request for assistance from the Branch toward the construction of their school rink. Since our building funds are depleted, we concur with Mr. Fawcett's recommendation that the contribution of \$800.00 by the Branch toward this project be included in the tuition fee payment to the school.

We will await your reply to this recommendation.



G. S. Lapp.

:cyp

Encl.

Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

129/25-11-136

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur,

Oct. 10, 1963.

Skating Rink, Father Moss Joint School

We have received a request from the Father Moss Joint School for a special contribution to assist in putting up the outside fence for a community skating rink. To date, a total of \$800.00 has been raised locally by various means to fill and level a section of the school property. This is completed. The school is now faced with the prospect of purchasing 4000 board feet of treated lumber. Our direct assistance is requested.

My comments would be to have the school district undertake to do this job and our contribution would be reflected in the higher operating costs of the school. I am not aware of any other method by which we can assist. Your comments are requested.



LRF/njc

L. R. Fawcett.

c.c. Fort Frances Agency

Mr. J. Douglas, Principal, Father Moss School

Mr. R. Mathieu, Chairman,  
R.C. Separate School No. 1,  
Sioux Narrows, Ont.

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Regional Supervisor, North Bay

Superintendent, Kenora Agency

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Skating Rink  
Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows

Oct. 3, 1963

Attached, herewith, is copy of a letter from Mr. J. R. Douglas, Principal of Father Moss School, which I believe is self-explanatory.

As there are approximately 44 Indian children from this Agency and another 36 from the Fort Frances Agency attending this school, and, if funds are available from Education Vote, I would recommend that assistance be given to the school for construction of the rink.

May we please be advised at your earliest convenience.

/mc  
enc.

  
Eric Law

c.c. Mr. L. Fawcett

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COPY

FATHER HOSS, SCHOOL

Box 307  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario  
October 1, 1963

Messrs. Eric Law, Supt. Kenora Agency  
H.B. Gauthier, Fort Frances Agency  
Indian Affairs Branch

Gentlemen:

For the past few months we have been working on a Community Skating Rink project to serve jointly our communities of Sioux Narrows, Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong. So far we have managed to grade and fill the rink site at a reasonable cost as follows:

Bull-dozer rental	9-1/2 hours	@ \$10.50	\$ 99.75
Hauling fill	70 1/2 yards	@ 1.00	<u>70 1/2.00</u>
	Total		\$803.75

The above costs have already been paid through local prescriptions and community effort. However, we now face the expenditure for lumber and materials to complete the project.

In this respect, I am seeking the assistance of your Agencies as the Skating Rink will serve all three locations and our sports programme for the winter will further our efforts in integration.

The project will require approximately 4000 board feet of lumber including stringers for framing fence. We propose to use treated lumber in order to make a permanent structure.

If your Department could see fit to assist in this project, I would be pleased to discuss it further with you. Any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Fawcette visited with me last Thursday and we looked over the project together. It is his opinion that it is a worthy undertaking and recommended that I write to you for assistance.

Yours very truly,

J. R. Douglas (signed)  
Principal

JRD:ao



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
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Regional Supervisor - Northern Ontario  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

129/25-11-136 (ER)

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25-11-136 (E10)

DATE

October 22, 1963.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

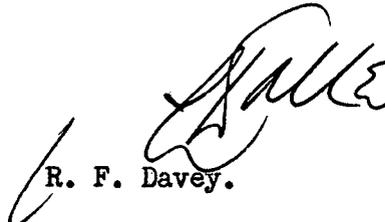
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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Sioux Narrows Joint School

Would you please refer to my memorandum of August 13th on the above subject and your interim reply of October 1st.

We have now received from Father Ferron a letter in which he requests action on his recommendation for the expansion of the elementary school and he is seeking an interview with me which will likely be arranged for the week of November 24th. Would you please ensure that the necessary information, with your recommendations, reaches this office well in advance of the above-mentioned date.

  
R. F. Davey.

c.c. Mr. L.R. Fawcett

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Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

129/25-11-136  
(ER)

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District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur,

Oct. 10, 1963.

Father Moss Joint School

In reply to your letter of August 20 and further to my letter of July 9, I have the following report:

1. The school has three standard classrooms, a general classroom and a space originally designed for the principal's office and the teachers' room which is being used as a fourth classroom. A fifth classroom is utilizing one of the outbuildings but not a part of the joint school.

2. We have, as of September 12, sixty-nine treaty Indian pupils enrolled and fourteen non-treaty, some of who are not living on the reserves.

3. Admissions will be as follows:

1964-13  
1965 - 10  
1966 - 18

Graduations should be as follows:

1964 - 4  
1965 - 6  
1966 - 6

Net enrolment providing there are no drop-outs:

1964 - 9  
1965 - 4  
1966 - 12

Regional Supervisor, North Bay -2- October 10, 1963.

These changes have been the result of nine pupils from Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong who are in those grades being taught at the Indian Day Schools on the reserves.

4. In paying for half the school, as the joint agreement indicates, we are not providing space for 80 pupils. Yet, this is the way the agreement reads.

5. Over a five year period, we should require an additional classroom or space for 30-35 children. If the Separate School feels that two additional classrooms are required, we should pay for one. This will retain our half interest in the school, but make provision for  $\frac{1}{2}$  of (35 x 5) pupils. We should realize that if additional space is required in 2 or 3 years, we still have to contribute to the addition up to our maximum possible enrolment. I might add that the non-Indian enrolment is almost identical to the Indian enrolment, 80 approximately.

Present Enrolment is as follows:

Grade 1	- 5 treaty
	2 non-treaty
Grade 2	- 3 treaty
Grade 3	- 4 treaty
	2 non-treaty
Grade 4	- 9 treaty
	1 non-treaty
Grade 5	- 15 treaty
	1 non-treaty
Grade 6	- 2 treaty
	3 non-treaty
Grade 7	- 12 treaty
	1 non-treaty
Grade 8	- 10 treaty
	2 non-treaty
Grade 9	- 4 treaty
	2 non-treaty
Grade 10	- 4 treaty

Regional Supervisor, North Bay -3- October 10, 1963.

In spite of our agreement that grade 9 graduates should proceed elsewhere to continue school so that proper courses can be obtained, in practise there will be difficulty. There is some discussion regarding bussing of all high school pupils at Sioux Narrows into Kenora, a distance of 50 miles. I might add that a bus from Nestor Falls transports high school pupils a distance of 70 miles to Fort Frances High School. This is not really a satisfactory solution unless we have teaching personnel who are either willing to supervise, or organize, evening study periods for the students being transported. I do not think that Indian Affairs Branch students should be given privileges which local provincial students do not have, that of boarding out and attending school to avoid bussing. However, this is only in the talking stage and little may result.



LRF/njc

L. R. Fawcett.

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Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa

129/25-11-136 (ER)

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

October 1st, 1963.

Sioux Narrows Joint School

Please be advised that our recommendation regarding your letter of August 13th, is still receiving consideration. A recommendation with supporting data will be shortly forwarded.

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c.c. Mr. Fawcett

G. S. Lapp.

Copy

September 21st., 1963.

Mr. L. R. Fawcett,  
District School Superintendent,  
Post Office Building,  
Port Arthur, Ontario :

Your file; 129/25..11..136

Dear Mr. Fawcett,

Copies of your letters of the 19th instant addressed to the Agencies Superintendents of Kenora and Fort Frances, regarding the Indian Pupils enrolment at our Joint School has been brought to my attention.

It is not easy to give an adequate answer to your legitimate queries via the medium of a letter or a written report. As far as our School Board is concerned, I have been responsible more than anybody else for the present enrolment of Indian Pupils. May I suggest, that you give me an opportunity to discuss and to value with you each case in particular, on the occasion of your visit to our District, which, most likely, will be in the very near future.

Thanking you for your past and present cooperation, I remain,

Your very sincerely,

*R. Ferron, o.m.i.*

R. Ferron, o.m.i.

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District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur

129/25-11-136(EF)

Regional School Superintendent,  
North Bay

August 20th, 1963

Sioux Narrows Joint School

With reference to this school, your letter of July 9th indicates

1. The Sioux Narrows Joint School has three standard classrooms.
2. The enrolment of Indian children this Fall will be seventy-six
3. Subsequent new admissions anticipated are  
1964 - 14  
1965 - 16  
1966 - 27
4. The Branch has space for eighty children
5. It is not advisable to teach beyond Grade VIII; at the most Grade IX
6. The Province of Ontario will not approve the establishment of Home Economics and Industrial Arts shops, for Grades IX and X

Points on which I am not clear:

1. The joint agreement states the school will contain four classrooms and a utility room. As I understand, this school does not have four standard classrooms.
2. How do you arrive at the figure eighty enrolments for our Branch if we have a half interest in the school.

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3. Will the Province of Ontario approve Home Economics and manual training for Grades VII and VIII.

With reference to Ottawa's letter of August 13th, a copy of which went to you, it would seem to me we agree that

1. All children completing Grades III in Whitefish Lake and Sabaskong Day Schools should transfer to Sioux Narrows Separate School.
2. If there are only three standard classrooms presently in operation of which our Branch is eligible to half the seating space ( approximately half 3 x 35 ) it would be in order for us to share the cost of two additional classrooms bringing our total space to approximately eighty-five. Even this will not be adequate space on a five year projection.
3. Our students should not remain in this school beyond Grade VIII or at the most Grade IX. However, if the students can be adequately counselled, the students for general course might remain to end of Grade X.
4. Since Home Economics and Industrial Arts courses will not be approved by the province, we need give no consideration to sharing such addition.
5. Any vocational training for adult education which could be offered at this school can be much more effective under Programme 5. I cannot see any need for us developing a vocational training programme at Sioux Narrows Day School.

May I receive your report covering this request from Father Ferron for additional contribution. This report should include enrolment as of September, 1963, by grades in order that we can determine the number leaving the school.

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F. M. Shaw.



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
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Regional Supervisor - Northern Ontario  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25-11-136 (E10)

DATE  
August 13, 1963.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

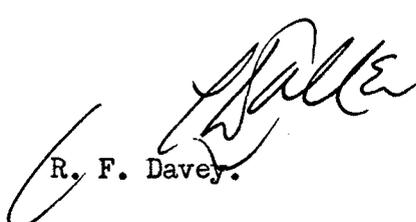
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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Sioux Narrows Joint School

Plans and recommendations have been received from Father Ferron for the expansion of the above school. He is recommending the addition of two classrooms at an approximate cost of \$50,000 for which he is requesting a contribution of \$25,000 or 50%. He is also recommending the addition of a wing consisting of shops for industrial arts and home economics under which there would be a basement room to be used for adult education. The cost of the wing is estimated at \$95,000 and the contribution requested from the Branch is 90% of the total cost. The reason given for the large proportion of the cost to be borne by the Branch is the Adult Education Program for Indian youth on the two reserves.

Would you please provide me with data on our accommodation requirements at this joint school and your recommendations on the contributions by the Branch.

  
R. F. Davey.

c.c. Mr. L.R. Fawcett

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Regional Supervisor - North West District  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

129/25-11-136 (E10)

LGF/np

Rev. R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

OTTAWA 4, August 13, 1963.

Dear Father Ferron:

I acknowledge your letter of August 7th and the attached correspondence. I am referring your proposal to the regional office for data on our accommodation requirements in the Sioux Narrows School and for their recommendations. You may expect to hear either from Mr. Shaw or Mr. Fawcett in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
L. G. P. WALLER

R. F. Davey,  
Assistant Director (Education).

c.c. Mr. F.M. Shaw  
Mr. L.R. Fawcett

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Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa

129/25-11-136(ER)

Regional Supervisor - North Bay

July 16, 1963

Sioux Narrows Joint School

Further to our report of July 5th I am enclosing a recent report from Mr. Fawcett.

This report indicates that as of June, 1963 there were sixty-one Indian pupils enrolled in this school. This fall there will be an addition of 15 new admissions followed by 14 in 1964, 16 in 1965 and 27 in 1966. These figures would indicate that we will not reach our entitled enrolment of 80 children until September, 1964.

Doubtless, shop and home economics would be most beneficial for these children, however, there is no accommodation in the school for such instruction.

I fully agree with Mr. Fawcett that high school instruction should not go beyond grade 9.

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Encl.

  
J. G. S. L. app

Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

129/25-11-136

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur,

July 9, 1963.

Sioux Narrows Joint School

We note Ottawa's letter to you dated June 28 and your reply of July 5.

The joint school at Sioux Narrows has only three suitable classrooms. A smaller room designed for a school office has been pressed into service to make a fourth classroom. A fifth classroom utilizes part of a satellite building designed for a dormitory. Enrolment in September, 1962 was 146 pupils-(46 from Whitefish Bay and 31 from Sabaskong). On June 30 there were 127 pupils in five classrooms indicating 19 drop-outs during the year. I understand that the drop-outs were due to many older pupils who were originally attracted to the High School but later withdrew. June promotion lists have been received from the joint school indicating that a total of 61 pupils from the two reserves were in attendance.

Next year, an additional 15 will be added, 4 from Sabaskong and 11 from Whitefish Bay, the former being promoted to grade four and the latter to grade five. In 1964 enrolment figures indicate an additional 14, in 1965 - 16 and in 1966 - 27, for the joint school.

In reviewing, we have spent \$86,026 as indicated in the joint agreement dated March 11, 1962, in return for which we are entitled to send 80 children to the joint school.

In discussion with Mr. F. Leonard, Separate School Inspector, he informs me that the Ontario Department of Education will not make any grants towards industrial arts or home economics classes nor will they assist them in maintaining a grade 11 classroom. If arrangements are made locally, they would be classed as "private" rooms and it is my opinion that we should not give any assistance in expanding this rural

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

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July 9, 1963.

high school. We have three boys attending grade nine. They have passed into grade 10 but must take academic courses since they wish to remain at Sioux Narrows. In discussing their future with them earlier in the year, they wish to transfer to technical courses but have since changed their minds. It seems to me that we may have to transfer them from the grade ten academic at Sioux Narrows to a grade ten technical course in June 1964. If this high school did not exist, we would be able to take them into Fort Frances and educate them in the courses that they wish. For this reason I suggest we do all we can to keep the high school programme from expanding.



L. R. Fawcett.

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Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa

129/25-11-136(E10)

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Regional Supervisor - North Bay

July 5, 1963

Sioux Narrows Joint School

I refer to your letter of June 28th with respect to this school.

Without advance notice Father Ferron arrived in North Bay one afternoon last week. He advised that he had stopped in Port Arthur to visit Mr. Fawcett but as Mr. Fawcett was out of the city he proceeded to North Bay.

While in our office Father Ferron advised Mr. Shaw that two additional classrooms were required at the Father Moss Joint School; furthermore, that he was proceeding to Ottawa the same evening from where he would continue to Toronto. While with Mr. Shaw Father Ferron quoted some enrolment figures he had in a note book. There was no reference to a high school programme nor to the introduction of home economics and industrial arts.

We are presently in the process of preparing detailed population figures on all of our communities with respect to education requirements. To date regional office does not have figures on the two reserves from which children attend Father Moss School.

As Father Ferron left this office about 5:15 p.m. and would be in your office the next morning, Mr. Shaw could have telephoned advising you that he would be arriving but he would not have been able to enlighten you regarding the full purpose of his visit or to have passed on any supporting figures.

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A detailed report on the proposed programme and enrolment for the Fathor Moss School is being requested from Mr. Fawcett. These figures will cover only the two local communities but not the McIntosh children.

We do regret that Fathor Ferron does not pursue his negotiations through our regional staff rather than proceeding directly to Head Office.

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G. S. Lapp

June, 1963.

Dear Parents:

Since your son (or daughter) is promoted to grade five, you are requested to send him (or her) to the Father Loss Joint School in Sioux Narrows in September, 1963. These are the only additional pupils who are asked to transfer this year.

We are also requesting that you make a special effort to have your son (or daughter) attend school each and every day. It is difficult for your children to learn and for the teachers if you do not see that they attend every day. Please help us to help your children.

Yours truly,



L. R. FAWCETT,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

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June, 1963.

Dear Parent:

Since your son (or daughter) is promoted to grade four, you are requested to send him (or her) to the Father Moss Joint School at Sioux Narrows in September, 1963. These are the only additional pupils who are asked to transfer this year.

We are also requesting that you make a special effort to have them attend each and every day. It is difficult for your children to learn and for the teachers if you do not see that they attend every day. Please help us help your children,

Yours truly,



L. R. FAWCETT,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
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Regional Supervisor - Northern Ontario  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

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129/25-11-136 (E10)  
DATE

June 28, 1963.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Sioux Narrows Joint School

On Monday and again on Wednesday I had lengthy visits with Father Ferron concerning the operation of the above school. He also visited the Acting Director and the local M.P., Mr. Benidickson. Thursday he proceeded to Toronto for an interview with the Minister of Education and other officials of the Department.

Father Ferron presented a vague, disjointed and rather confused program of expansion which had already been discussed with you and Mr. Fawcett according to Father Ferron's statement. As far as I can gather, the program outlined by Father Ferron has received your oral support. I was also informed by Father Ferron that he had advised you that he intended to discuss his plans with me.

Having received no report from you on this subject, I had great difficulty in attempting to follow the suggestions put forward by Father Ferron who was unable to substantiate his statements with figures. If you were aware of the impending visit of Father Ferron to my office you should have made an effort to prepare me with data and other information which might have saved a great deal of time for me. As it was I could only apologize for not being properly prepared for his visit.

Briefly his requests are:

- (a) A two classroom expansion for the Father Moss School to provide for an expanding school population.
- (b) Home Economics and Industrial Arts accommodation.

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- (c) Permission to offer high school instruction up to and including Grade XI at the Father Moss School. To support his claims for the need of a high school at Sioux Narrows either as part of the Father Moss School or as a distinct district high school he wishes to enroll the ten Grade IX pupils from the McIntosh School in the Father Moss School and provide boarding accommodation.

The object of Father Ferron's visit was to get a firm commitment from the Branch to participate in an expansion program. In the absence of facts and figures I was not able to approve in principle a program but could only give general approval to the enrolment of Indian children in the Father Moss School.

s.19(1) The development of the Father Moss School to meet local needs as an elementary school offering instruction in Grades I to IX inclusive made sense but the reference to the development of high school instruction could not be reconciled with provincial regulations concerning separate schools and I was unable to discover any firm or clear-cut plan behind his request. He admitted that he wanted the [REDACTED] children at Sioux Narrows to boost the potential needs in the community for a high school and I was naturally reluctant to permit Indian students to be moved up to such a remote spot as Sioux Narrows for a high school program which would be very narrowly academic and restricted with respect to teaching staff and school equipment.

I am now faced with the task of providing information to the persons visited by Father Ferron at Ottawa and I should like to have a full report from you dealing with every aspect of the situation within the next few days.

  
R. F. Davey.

c.c. Mr. L.R. Fawcett

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c.c. (duplicate) G.S. Lapp, Reg. Spvsr., North Bay, Ont.

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Rev. R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows,  
Ontario.

Ottawa 4, June 26th, 1963.

Dear Father Ferron:

I wish to confirm our conversation of this afternoon in which I informed you that the Indian Affairs Branch appreciates the opportunity afforded Indian children to attend the Sioux Narrows Separate School and it is the intention of the Branch to continue to assign Indian children from the Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong Reserves to the Father Moss Separate School.

It is a long standing policy of this Department to assume a pro rata share of the operating and capital costs, of public and separate schools attended by Indian children. However, as I pointed out to you I have not access, at the moment, to enrolment and other figures related to the operation of the Father Moss School so that I am not in a position to indicate to you what proportion of these costs would likely be assumed by the Department of Citizenship and Immigration. In connection with the Industrial Arts and Home Economics shops it is expected that the division of capital costs would be related to the number of pupils who would use these facilities and presumably the sharing would be based on the enrolment in Grade VII and above.

You are aware, of course, that I am not in a position to make a specific commitment in so far as the contribution is concerned, since this is subject to approval by Treasury Board.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
R. F. DAVEY

R.F. Davey,  
Assistant Director, Education.

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Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa

129/25-11-136  
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Regional Supervisor, North Bay

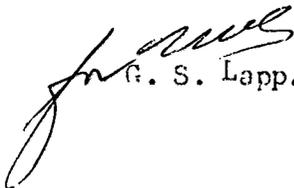
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March 22, 1963.

Father Moss School,  
Sioux Narrows, Ont.

As requested in your letter of February 28 attached is an audited statement from Dunwoody, Saul and Smith Company regarding Father Moss Joint School.

encl.

  
G. S. Lapp.

MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Regional Supervisor, North Bay

YOUR FILE No:

ER

FROM : Superintendent, Kenora Agency

OUR FILE No: 129/25-11-136

SUBJECT: Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows, Ontario

DATE March 19/63

Reference is made to the memorandum from Assistant Director (Education) to your office dated February 28, 1963 regarding the above noted.

As requested in the second paragraph we have obtained and are forwarding herewith the audited statement from Dunwoody, Saul and Smith Company for the Father Moss School.

  
E. Law.

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MEMORANDUM

Classification

To: Superintendent, Kenora Agency

Your File No.

From: Regional Supervisor, North Bay

Our File No.

129/25-11-136 (ER1)

Subject: Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows, Ont.

Date

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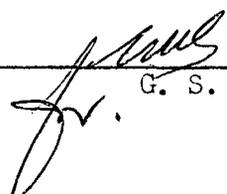
This will refer to copy of Ottawa's letter dated Feb. 28, 1963.

- The above is being returned - (as checked below)
- The above is being held in abeyance pending receipt of - (as checked below)
- The above is attached - (as checked below)
- Please note - (as checked below)

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REMARKS: May we please be advised if the information requested in Ottawa's letter  
was forwarded to them.

c.c. \_\_\_\_\_

  
G. S. Lapp

129/25-11-136(ER)

Rev. Fr. R. Ferron, O.M.I.  
Box 218  
SIOUX NARROWS, Ontario

Box 896  
North Bay, Ontario  
March 7, 1963

Dear Fr. Ferron:

Enclosed please find a cheque in the amount of \$8,992.00, representing the additional capital contribution in connection with the construction of the Fr. Moss School.

Rather than causing further delay in your receipt of this money, I am forwarding it directly to you.

Yours very truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
F. M. SHAW

F. M. Shaw,  
Regional School  
Superintendent

:AW  
Encl.

c.c. Mr. Fawcett

# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION



TO  
A

Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

129/25-11-136 (ER)

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25-11-136 (EL)

DATE

March 6, 1963.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Sioux Narrows Joint School

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 4th, relative to the cheque recently received by your office for \$8,982.00, representing an additional payment in connection with the department's contribution towards the erection of the above joint school.

Representations were received from Father Ferron for an additional contribution from the department, due to high construction costs resulting from the rocky and swampy terrain on which the school was built, which involved unexpected drainage problems.

In view of these unforeseen difficulties, favourable consideration was given to the request of Father Ferron, and Treasury Board approval was obtained under cover of TB Minute 606381 dated February 14th, 1963. It is, therefore, in order to release the cheque.

It is regretted that these developments were not made known to your office earlier.

R.F. Davey.

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Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa

129/25-11(E4)

129/25-11-136  
(ER)

March 4, 1963

Regional Supervisor - North Bay

Father Moss Joint School, Sioux Narrows

I refer to your letter of February 28th with attached cheque for \$8,982.00 as payment towards our Branch's total contribution of \$86,026, I note that on April 27, 1962, payment to the amount of \$57,351.00 was made. Then in your letter of November 20, 1962, it was stated that the enclosed cheque for \$28,675 represented the final one-third payment. Please confirm that this last cheque for \$8,982.00 is authorized payment to this school board and what the contribution represents.

:AW

J. G. S. Lapp

Copy

March 2nd - 1963.

I29/25-II-I36(EI4)

ER

Mr. R. F. Davey,  
Assistant Director ( Education )  
Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Davey :-

Our joint integrated school of Sioux Narrows has been in operation for six months. A definite and persistent weakness has shown itself throughout this period. The fact is that a very large percentage of Indian pupils cannot perform their "home-work" properly and the consequences are disastrous to all pupils.

When one knows the climate and environment which the majority of our Indian pupils of Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong Bay are facing after their regular school-hours one does not wonder. There is a virtual impossibility of studying at home and no tradition of fostering these studies.

We have come to the conclusion that in our specific case the answer is supervised studies. Here is a detailed proposition which could be put in operation the day following your approval :

-at the closing of the afternoon session, the Indian pupils would be given a recess for 45 minutes including time for a light lunch. This lunch would cost 0.15. (The Branch could possibly supply powdered milk and biscuits) ;

- the two supervisors would see that the "home work" be properly done; some Indian pupils, particularly in need, would be given an extra dose; the pupils of Whitefish Bay would be home not later than 5.25 pm; the pupils of Sabaskong Bay not later than 5.50 pm;

- the additional cost for the extra Staff and extra hours :

- a) the two Supervisors, on duty from 3.00 pm to 5.15 pm would receive \$5.00 each per school-day;
- b) the two Bus Drivers would be given \$2.00 each per school-day for their extra time;

Trusting you will be able to give an immediate favourable decision to the above suggestions.

Yours very sincerely,

*R. Ferron, o.m.i.*  
R. Ferron, o.m.i.

Copies to :

Mr. E. Law, Kenora Agency.  
Mrs B.A. Chrysler, Fort Frances Agency.  
Mr. L. R. Fawcett, District School Superintendent - Port Arthur  
Mr. F. M. Shaw, Regional School Superintendent - North Bay;

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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
A

Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25-11-136 (E4)

DATE

February 28, 1963.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows, Ontario

We are in receipt of Superintendent Law's letter dated February 19th, enclosing Voucher 1056 for tuition fees and noon lunches for Indian children attending the above school. With reference to the noon lunches, following Father Ferron's recent visit to headquarters, it has been agreed to increase the noon lunch rate to 41¢ per pupil per day, and it will be in order to voucher accordingly.

We are also in receipt of Kenora Agency Voucher 1072 in the amount of \$6,006.94, which represents an adjustment in the per pupil cost in accordance with the operating costs for the period September 1st to December 31st, 1962. We are making arrangements to pay this account, but it would be appreciated if you would obtain the audited statement from Dunwoody, Saul and Smith Company, dated February 13th, 1963 referred to in the account received from Father Ferron.

*Please procure  
& forward  
AUD. Cts to Kenora  
4/13.*

*S. W. Kauri*  
R.F. Davey.

*P.S. In all cost sharing arrangements, a copy of the annual financial statements should be obtained for our files.*

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# MEMORANDUM

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TO  
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Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25-11-136 (E4)

DATE

February 28, 1963.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Enclosed please find a cheque in the amount of \$8,982.00, representing an additional capital contribution in connection with the construction of the above school. Would you please arrange to have this cheque presented to Father Ferron at the earliest possible date.

Enc.

*R.F. Davey*  
R.F. Davey.

Total	\$ 86,026.	
	April 27 / 62	- \$ 57,351.
	Nov. 21 / 62	- \$ 28,675.
		85

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REGISTERED

Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario

129/25-11-136 (E4)

Assistant Director (Education)

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S. W.

/st  
Enc.

R.F. Davey.

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# MEMORANDUM

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TO  
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Regional Office, North Bay.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

*ER*

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136(E14)  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

DATE

February 25, 1963.

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

We have received an inquiry from Father Ferron of the Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows, Ontario, concerning payments for operating expenses.

Reference is made to the fact that the Branch has not been invoiced for noon lunches served to Indian children in January. Father Ferron apparently is of the opinion that there has been some delay in the Kenora Agency in the processing of these invoices. Would you please inquire into this matter.

There is also another problem pertaining to the extra assistance for clothing for Indian children. Apparently the Fort Frances Agency is able to provide adequately for the children of the Sabaskong band. However, difficulties are being encountered with the Whitefish Bay band as they are operating under the Provincial Welfare administration. In view of the difficulties which are being experienced, please be advised that it will be in order to submit the accounts for school uniforms as an educational supply so as not to disrupt the arrangements with the Provincial welfare authorities. It is suggested that in order to avoid confusion, the invoices concerned be forwarded to Ottawa: Attention - Mr. S. W. Kaiser.

R. F. Davey.

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# MEMORANDUM

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TO  
A

Regional Office, North Bay.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11-136(E14)  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

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DATE

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ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
R. F. DAVEY

R. F. Davey.

073681 FEB 27 '63

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Regional Supervisor, North Bay

Superintendent, Kenora Agency

129/25-11

Father Moss School - Sioux Narrows  
Vr. 1056 - \$2,845.22

Feb. 19/63

I am attaching herewith our Voucher No. 1056 which represents the January billing for transportation, tuition fees, and noon lunches of Indian children attending the Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows.

I am also attaching copies of a self-explanatory letter from Father Ferron regarding the increase in the cost of lunches.

As we have not been advised by either your office or Ottawa on whether approval has been given for this increase, we are forwarding the invoice for your attention. It would be appreciated if we could be advised when a decision is reached.

on Nov. 22 Fr. Ferron *E. Lee*  
was advised contents  
of H.P. letter of Nov. 20  
quoting total cost of  
a lunch at 36¢.

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FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

Box or C.P.: 218  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario,  
Feb. 15, 1963.

Mr. E. Law - Superintendent  
Indian Agency - Kenora

Dear Mr. Law -

Referring to the noon lunches and milk supplied  
my understanding after visiting Mr. Davey in January is that  
the same rate would apply for Indian and non-Indian pupils,  
namely \$0.41 per lunch.

Very sincerely,

(signed)

R. Ferron, O.M.I.

C O P Y

Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa

129/25-11 (E10)

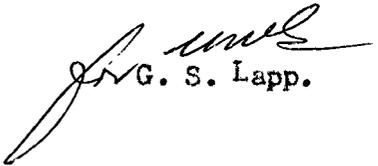
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Regional Supervisor, North Bay

January 11, 1963.

Tuition Fees - Father Moss Joint School.

The attached letters cover the five non-Indian children enrolled in the Father Moss Joint School and for whom payment was recommended in our account submission of November 16, 1962. As these five children come under Field Manual 13.5 Regulation, payment is recommended.

  
G. S. Lapp.

encl.  
c.c. Mr. Law  
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Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa

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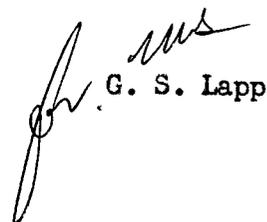
Regional Supervisor - North Bay

December 27, 1962

Tuition Fees - Father Moss Joint School

The attached letters cover the five non-Indian children enrolled in the Father Moss Joint School and for whom payment is requested. As these five children come under Field Manual 13.15 regulation, payment is recommended.

:AW  
Encls.

  
G. S. Lapp

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# MEMORANDUM

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TO  
A

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier  
124/25-11-136

*ER*

FROM  
De

Officer in Charge, Fort Frances Agency

DATE  
December 14, 1962.

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

[REDACTED]

s.19(1)

We have checked our Agency records and find that the mother of the above noted children was the former [REDACTED] Assabaska Band.

On [REDACTED], 1946 [REDACTED] married [REDACTED], non-Indian and was commuted [REDACTED], 1958.

She has been separated from her husband since about 1950 and was living in the town of Fort Frances until July 1962, at which time she moved back to her father's home on Sabaskong Indian Reserve. She has lived with various men since 1950. The [REDACTED] children would come under Category "C" of Section 13:15 of the Field Manual.

GWB/plw

*B. A. Chrysler*  
B. A. Chrysler.

cc: Mr. E. Law, Superintendent,  
Kenora Indian Agency.

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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
A

Regional Supervisor, North Bay.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

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OUR FILE No. 129/25-11 (A1)  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

Superintendent, Kenora Agency.

DATE Dec. 5, 1962.

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Re: Enrolment - Father Moss School.

s.19(1)

In reply to your letter of Nov. 16, 1962 regarding five [redacted] children listed on Rev. Father Ferron's account, I wish to advise that our records show only four [redacted], three from Sabaskong and one from Whitefish Bay, that are attending the Father Moss School.

The one from Whitefish Bay, [redacted], was placed in the home of [redacted] last summer by the Children's Aid Society. Prior to this the boy did not live on the Reserve. His mother was Treaty before marriage, but is now deceased. The father [redacted] is supposedly in the Morson area.

Fort Frances Agency have been requested to advise the circumstances of the three [redacted] children on the Sabaskong Reserve, who I understand are not related to [redacted] at Whitefish Bay.

*E. Law*  
Eric Law.

bc

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129/25-11-136 ER

Port Arthur, Ont.,  
December 19, 1962.

Father R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ont.

Re: Father Moss Joint School  
Noon Lunches

Dear Father Ferron:

We note your letter of December 10 in which you state that a price of 35¢ is the amount that you must charge to supply a proper lunch for the children. You further state, and we agree, that no discrimination should exist with regard to lunches supplied to Indian and non-Indian pupils. If the 35¢ includes the price of milk, it would be in line with Ottawa's letter to North Bay dated November 20th. If, however, it does not, this office cannot consider authorizing anything further than that contained in a letter to you dated November 22. We will await your comments.

Yours very truly,

*L. R. Fawcett*

L. R. FAWCETT,  
District School Superintendent  
Port Arthur.

LRP/njc

c.c. Indian Affairs, Ottawa;  
Regional Supervisor, North Bay; ✓  
Superintendent B. Lau, Kenora.

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Regional Supervisor, North Bay.

129/25-11(ER)

129/25-11 (A1)

Dec. 12, 1962.

Superintendent, Kenora Agency.

Enrolment - Father Moss School

s.19(1)

In reply to your letter of Dec. 7th, I wish to advise that [redacted] is the son of Mrs. [redacted] who possesses a Red Ticket under Whitefish Bay Band, No. [redacted].

The [redacted] child would therefore come under Category "A" of Section 13.15 of the Field Manual.

*R. Elliott*  
for Eric Law.

bc

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Officer-in-Charge, Fort Frances Agency

129/25-11(ER)

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

December 7, 1962

s.19(1)



Our records show that these three children of non-Indian status are attending the Father Moss Joint School.

May I be advised:

1. If this family lives on the Sabaskong Indian Reserve.
2. If the mother of these children was of Indian status before marriage.

:AW

A handwritten signature in cursive script, possibly reading "AW".

A handwritten signature in cursive script, possibly reading "G. S. Lapp".

G. S. Lapp

Superintendent, Kenora Agency

129/25-11(ER)

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

December 7, 1962

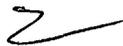
Enrolment - Father Moss School

With reference to your letter of December 5th the fifth child was [REDACTED] and not a [REDACTED].

s.19(1)

Am I correct in my understanding that [REDACTED]'s mother was of Indian status before marriage?

:AW

  
G. S. Lapp



Superintendent, Kenora

129/25-11 (A1)

✓  
129/25-11 (RS)  
c.c. 129/10-4

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

December 5, 1962

Clothing for Children Attending  
Sioux Narrows Joint School

Please refer to your memorandum of November 21, 1962 and to my reply by wire.

A situation in connection with the provision of clothing for children attending school has developed on the West Bay Reserve, Manitoulin Island Agency, which is very similar to that at the Sioux Narrows Joint School where children attend from the Whitefish Bay Reserve. The problem at West Bay was referred to our Headquarters because the West Bay Band, like the Whitefish Bay Band, receives relief under the Ontario General Welfare Assistance Act. As you will note from the copy of the enclosed letter to the Superintendent, Manitoulin Island Agency, there is no easy solution to the problem. If the Whitefish Bay Band has adequate funds in the Revenue Account, clothing could be issued as a charge on Band funds if the Band Council first signs a resolution. If the Band has only limited Band funds the Welfare Administrator could issue orders for clothing, 80 per cent of which would be paid by the Ontario Department of Welfare if the recipients qualified for relief.

It is suggested that you and the Whitefish Bay Band Welfare Administrator discuss the problem of clothing for school children with the Provincial Welfare Officer. At the present time there does not seem to be any means by which the clothing can be issued and paid for from appropriated funds in either the Education or Welfare Divisions.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

G. S. LAPP



G. S. Lapp

:mgb  
C.C.F. Mr. Fawcett  
Encl.

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Superintendent, Manitoulin Island

19/10-4

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c.c. ✓ 129/25-11

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

December 3, 1962

Clothing for Students attending School

Reference is made to your memorandum dated November 14, 1962, concerning the difficulty expressed by the West Bay Band Council in connection with the provision of clothing for students.

The problem, you mention, is with those families in the low income bracket where only enough is earned to purchase food. You say that very few of the men of these families are steadily employed.

This matter was brought up by Chief Debassige at the Indian-Eskimo Association Conference at Sudbury at a small meeting attended by Mr. Basich and by a number of Indians including Chief Lorenzo Big Canoe. The latter, who is also a Welfare Officer under the Provincial program, stated that he issues relief on a weekly basis and that in this way he is able to issue relief to some marginal workers who are employed only two or three weeks during the month. They may, by their limited amount of work, be able to buy food for their families, but certainly cannot purchase clothing. By extending one week's assistance to a person who is in fact unemployed that week, the clothing needs, plus additional dietary needs can be met. Apparently accounts of this nature have been processed satisfactorily through the Provincial office.

Has this been tried at West Bay? If not, you might discuss it with Chief Debassige and with Mr. Basich. In this connection, it was suggested that the C. A. S. worker might ascertain what children of the West Bay Band are in fact inadequately clothed. The actual income into the homes of these children might then be obtained along with a clear picture of the employment picture week by week over the past month or two. Detailed information of this nature, if only from a few families would be helpful. We should, of course, know how many such families would be involved, and the approximate amount of clothing needed that the families simply cannot purchase themselves. This study should include information as to what happens to the family allowances payments.

I note with some concern that the Band Council states that the Children's Aid Society is not staffed to provide protection services and that it only handles cases where children are to be taken into care. I would point out that under the Agreement with that Society, this Branch paid \$5,081.32 for protection services last year, in addition to the per diem rates paid for children in care. If no protection service is given, as is suggested, on what basis was this amount charged to the Branch? As you have suggested a liaison meeting should be arranged within the next two or three months, to be attended by Mr. Bailey.

Please advise me whether any positive progress along the lines suggested above, in connection with the provision of clothing, can be made.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
G. S. LAPP

G. S. Lapp

:mgb

c.c. Supt., Kenora

002566

Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa

129/25-11(ER)

Regional Supervisor - North Bay

November 23, 1962

Clothing - Children Whitefish Bay Reserve  
Attending Father Moss School

When Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Bean met with Father Ferron and Mr. Law November 7th, Father Ferron emphasized the need for clothing for needy children. He advised that some children were unable to attend school due to inadequate warm winter clothing in excess of the issued uniforms.

It was agreed that the school would prepare a list of clothing required by needy children. The list would be submitted to the agency superintendent to assess whether parents were in a position to provide the required clothes.

For the children from Crow Portage Reserve no difficulty was foreseen as the clothes could be charged to welfare. However, for the Whitefish Falls children, where the band is on provincial welfare, it was recognized that special assistance would be required from the branch.

May authority be granted for the sum of \$750.00 to provide winter clothing for needy children from Whitefish Falls Reserve attending Fr. Moss School. Since the cold weather has arrived, I would emphasize the urgency of this request.

*G. S. Lapp*  
*not mailed*

:AW

G. S. Lapp

c.c. ~~Superintendent, Kenora Agency~~

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cc Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario

MAIL TO 

129/25-11

FRZ

129/25-11-136 (EL)

Ottawa 4, November 22, 1962.

Reverend R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Father Moss School,  
Box or C.P. 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

We are in receipt of your letter dated November 16th, regarding the difficulties which you are encountering in connection with the operation of the Father Moss School.

Arrangements are being made immediately to issue cheques covering payment of the tuition fees, noon lunches and clothing, and you can expect to receive these within the next day or two.

With regard to the balance of the capital contribution, a cheque was mailed yesterday to the regional office in North Bay in the amount of \$28,675. This represents the balance of the amount owing under the agreement dated March 10th, 1962.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
R. F. DAVEY

R.F. Davey,  
Assistant Director (Education)

/st

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# Canadian Pacific



## TELEGRAPHS

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TIME FILED  
November 23, 1962

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to.

File: 129/25-11  
P. O. Box 896  
North Bay, Ontario

MR. E. LAW,  
SUPERINTENDENT INDIAN AGENCY  
KEKORA, ONTARIO

REURLET CLOTHING CHILDREN FATHER HOSS SCHOOL PLEASE ADVISE FORT FRANCES OFFICE  
SPECIAL AUTHORITY NOT REQUIRED CROW PORTAGE CHILDREN. TREAT AS NORMAL WELFARE CLOTHING  
CASES. CLOTHING FOR CHILDREN FROM WHITEFISH BAY PRESENTING PROBLEM BECAUSE BAND UNDER  
ONTARIO WELFARE. WILL ADVISE FURTHER.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
G. S. LAPP

G. S. LAPP  
REGIONAL SUPERVISOR  
OF INDIAN AGENCIES

:GB

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Accepted up to 2 a.m. for delivery on the morning of the next day after their date at places where the Company's offices are open on Sundays, and on the morning of the next ensuing business day at places where the Company's offices are not open on Sundays, at rates still lower than its standard night telegram rates as follows: The standard day rate for 10 words for the transmission of 50 words or less and one-fifth of the initial rate for such 50 words for each additional 10 words or less.

Night Letters may, at the option of the Company, be mailed at destination to the addressees, and the Company shall be deemed to have discharged its obligation in such cases with respect to delivery by mailing such Night Letters at destination, postage prepaid.



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

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TO  
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Regional Supervisor, North Bay.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11 (A1)  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

Superintendent, Kenora Agency.

DATE Nov. 21, 1962

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Re: Clothing - Sioux Narrows Joint School.

Further to my discussion with Mr. Shaw and Mr. Fawcett on November 7, and your letter dated Nov. 16, I wish to advise that we have now received the lists of clothing required by 35 children of Whitefish Bay and 26 children of Crow Portage.

It is my understanding that Mr. Shaw was to request authority in the amount of \$1,000.00 to cover the cost of clothing. May we be advised if this has been received in order that the clothing may be purchased and applications processed and forwarded with the vouchers as suggested by Mr. Shaw.

Obviously, it will be essential to procure the necessary clothing as soon as possible.

Eric Law.

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Regional Supervisor, North Bay.

129/25-11 (A1)

Superintendent, Kenora Agency.

Nov. 21, 1962

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# Canadian Pacific TELEGRAPHS

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TOLLS

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MR L FAWCETT  
 INDIAN AGENCY OFFICE  
 PORT ARTHUR ONT

PLAN TO ARRIVE KENORA CANADIAN NOVEMBER FIFTH PLEASE ADVISE WIRE  
 IF CONVENIENT TO JOIN ME VISIT FATHER MOSS JOINT SCHOOL SIOUX NARROWS  
 F M SHAW REGIONAL SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

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District School Superintendent - Port Arthur

129/25-11(ER)

Regional School Superintendent - North Bay

November 21, 1962

Sioux Narrows Joint School

Enclosed herewith find the cheque for the sum of \$28,675.00 to be forwarded to Rev. Ferron.

May Rev. Ferron be advised that after November 30th the branch will pay for lunches at the rate of 36¢ per pupil per day inclusive of milk.

The monthly accounts for noon lunches at this rate and tuition fees at the rate of \$20.00 per month per pupil should be vouchered for directly to head office by the Kenora Agency office using as authority letters of June 21st and November 20th. This will eliminate the passing of accounts through so many offices.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
F. M. SHAW

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Encls.

F.M.Shaw

c.c. Superintendent, Kenora Agency  
Encl.



# MEMORANDUM

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TO  
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Regional Supervisor, Northern Ontario

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier  
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OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier  
129/25-11-136 (E4)

DATE

November 20, 1962.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Sioux Narrows Joint School

I refer to your memoranda of November 16th, relative to the above joint school. In this connection enclosed please find a cheque in the amount of \$28,675, representing the one-third payment remaining in connection with the capital contribution as per the joint agreement.

With regard to the noon lunches, we are processing the accounts for September and October at the rate of 35¢ per pupil per day, plus 6¢ for milk. We are prepared to allow this rate for November, but effective December 1st, 1962, it is understood that this rate will be reduced to 36¢ per pupil per day, inclusive of milk.

We are also arranging payment of the tuition fees tentatively set at \$20 per month, and the Welfare Division are being requested to take action on the clothing accounts.

*R.F. Davey*  
R.F. Davey.

Enc.

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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION - INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

VOUCHER FORM

AGENCY FILE NO. 129/25-11  
 PAY TO REV. FR. R. FERRON - SEC. TREAS.  
 ADDRESS FATHER MOSS SCHOOL  
 BOX 218  
 SIBUX NARROWS, ONT.

INVOICE DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
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SEPT + OCT/62 TO - payment of fees attached accounts -  
 SUPPLIES TO INDIAN STUDENTS ATTENDING  
 FATHER MOSS SCHOOL.

CLOTHING - VOTE 519 - 12 - 221 = \$ 775.56  
 MID DAY MEALS - VOTE 528 - 12 - 221 = 1088.14  
\$1863.70

VOUCHER NO. 271 (51)	DATE 16-11-62	F.E. NO.	EST. NO. 81	DIV.	VOTE - PRIM. - OBJ. See above
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AUTHORITY FILE 129/25-11-136 (E5)  
 See H.Q. memo d/21 JUNE 1962

DEPT'L. CHEQUE NO. (Credit voucher only)

**CERTIFICATE**  
 Approved for payment and requisitioned pursuant to Section 31 of the Financial Administration Act. Certified pursuant to Section 32 of the Financial Administration Act: No item in this account has been previously certified.

16-11-62  
 DATE AUTHORIZED OFFICER  
 N. Bay Regional Office  
 AGENCY DATE FOR MINISTER

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF HEAD OFFICE	CODE NO.	VOTE	PRIM.	OBJ.	AMOUNT	APPD. FOR PAYMENT	DATE



DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION - INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

VOUCHER FORM

AGENCY FILE NO. 129/25-11  
 PAY TO REV. FR. R. FERRON - SEC. TREAS.  
 ADDRESS FATHER MOSS SCHOOL  
 BOX 218  
 SIOUX NARROWS, ONTARIO

INVOICE DATE	SERVICE	AMOUNT
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NOV. 1/62 - To - payment of per attached account -  
 TUITION FEES FOR INDIAN STUDENTS  
 ATTENDING FATHER MOSS SCHOOL  
 FOR MONTHS OF SEPT. & OCT. 1962. \$ 3060.00

VOUCHER NO. 270 (81)	DATE 16-11-62	F.E. NO. 8	EST. NO. 81	DIV.	VOTE - PRIM. - OBJ. 526-1/2-802
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 DEPT'L. CHEQUE NO. (Credit voucher only)

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 DATE 16-11-62  
 AUTHORIZED OFFICER  
 N. Bay Reg. Officer  
 AGENCY DATE FOR MINISTER

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Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa

129/25-11-136(EI)

129/25-11 (E)

November 16, 1962

Regional Supervisor - North Bay

Accounts Clothing and Noon Lunches -  
Father Moss Separate School

I am enclosing the following accounts for this  
school:

1. Lunches September 4 - 14
2. Lunches September 17 - 27
3. Uniforms
4. Lunches October
5. Tuition September
6. Tuition October

In a recent report submitted following Mr. Fawcett's, Mr. Law's and Mr. Shaw's conference with Rev. Ferron, it was recommended that the noon lunches be paid at the rate of 35¢ plus 6¢ for milk until the end of November.

A tentative tuition fee of \$20.00 a month has been struck until the end-of-the year cost of operation return is available.

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Encl.

G. S. Lapp

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Superintendent, Kenora Agency

129/25-11 (E)

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

November 16, 196

Enrolment - Father Moss Joint School

In Rev. Ferron's accounts he lists five [REDACTED]  
children of non-Indian status.

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May I be advised if

1. This family lives on the Whitefish Bay Reserve.
2. The mother was of Indian status before marriage.

:AW

  
G. S. Lapp

Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa

129/25-11-136  
(E10)

129/25-11 (E)

Regional Supervisor - North Bay

November 16, 1962

Sioux Narrows Joint School

On the morning of November 7 Mr. Law, Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Shaw conferred with Rev. Ferron regarding the administration of the Father Moss Separate School.

Rev. Ferron advised that the school board was in a serious financial state. He had come to Kenora this week to procure an audited statement covering the cost of construction of the school. He was in urgent need of this statement for submission to Head Office in order that the board could receive its final payment from our department.

Rev. Ferron advised that our children were commencing to absent themselves from school due to inadequate winter clothes. Some of the children required overcoats, winter underwear, winter jackets and mitts. These children had the school uniform but this was inadequate for cold winter weather. To Rev. Ferron's request that the department provide winter clothes for all the Indian children as was done regarding uniforms, we replied that such clothes could be provided by the department for only needy cases. Rev. Ferron was advised to have the teachers discreetly prepare a list of clothes required by children attending school. This list should then be submitted to the Kenora and Fort Frances Agency Offices (Whitefish Bay and Crow Portage children respectively) for preparation of applications for clothing and recommendation of agency superintendents. It was emphasized to Rev. Ferron that every effort must be made to encourage the parents to accept responsibility for clothing their children.

Regarding noon lunches served at the school, Rev. Ferron advised that the menu consisted of hot soup or chocolate, sandwiches, a sweet and a half-pint of fresh milk. The non-Indian parents pay 35¢ for the lunch exclusive of the milk. Ninety percent of

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Sioux Narrows Joint School

November 16, 1962

the cost of the milk for those children is covered by provincial grant while the school board pays the remaining 10%. Rev. Ferron was advised that the department was prepared to pay 30¢ a lunch to include milk. He replied that he had never been advised to this effect. Head Office's letter of June 21, file 129/25-11-136, quoting a rate of 30¢ for lunch was found on the agency file but this had not been passed on to Rev. Ferron.

Since Rev. Ferron was not advised in writing regarding the rate for lunch agreed on by our department and since the lunches provided by the school board are worth 35¢ plus 6¢ for the milk, it is recommended that until November 30, lunches be paid for at the rate of 35¢ plus 6¢ for milk. Furthermore, since it is not desirable that the Indian children be segregated to participate of a smaller lunch, it is recommended that as of December 1 the branch pay for the lunch at the rate of 36¢ to include ~~Dish~~. If this rate is agreeable to the branch, we would confer with Rev. Ferron to negotiate a lunch for Indian and non-Indian children at this rate.

Rev. Ferron assured that the dormitory behind the school would not be occupied by Indian children this year.

The present enrolment at the Father Mass Separate School includes 77 Indian children from Whitefish Day and Sabaskong Day Schools. The school has 5 classrooms in operation and 5 qualified, capable teachers. Mr. Fawcett and Mr. Shaw were very favourably impressed by the standard of administration and classroom instruction. With the 5 classrooms consisting of 3 regular classrooms, a classroom in the general utility room and one in one end of the dormitory building, it is understood plans are under consideration for a two-classroom addition next year. Before the end of this school year a definite understanding will be drawn up with Rev. Ferron regarding the enrolment for next year in order that the branch retains full control of the number of children enrolled in this joint school.

Another factor that will require careful consideration is the enrolment of protestant children in this school. Presently, there are both Indian and non-Indian protestant children enrolled, with the nearby public school unable to enroll sufficient children for its 3 teachers. It is indeed advantageous for these children to be in a

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Sioux Narrows Joint School

November 16, 1962

provincial school, however, to secure a stable programme upon which we can continue to build it will be necessary to procure the sanction of the Presbyterian Church and the parents of aboriginal beliefs.

We shall await your decision regarding the noon lunches.

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G. S. Lapp

c.c. District School Superintendent - Port Arthur  
c.c. Superintendent, Kenora Agency

# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION



TO  
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Regional Supervisor - Northern Ontario

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25 11  
129/25-11-136 (E10)

DATE

October 16, 1962.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Sioux Narrows Joint School

The situation at the above school has become administratively entangled by reason of the chain of circumstances which led to and pervaded the negotiations for the joint school agreement. There was, we admit, too much direct consultation between Father Ferron and this office but with changes in personnel at the agency and the regional levels at that time this could hardly be avoided. When channels of communication become snarled and key field officials by-passed some confusion is bound to arise. It should be clearly understood that whatever action was taken by this office did not constitute lack of confidence in your staff. In this letter I wish to outline a course of action which will, I hope, open up the proper channels of communication and dispel the administrative confusion that has developed.

1. To establish the proper channels of communication I have advised Father Ferron that all communications between the Board and the Branch must be addressed to the Kenora Agency Office. A copy of my letter is attached.
2. The differences of opinion which exist locally with respect to the recruitment of pupils for the joint school must be resolved immediately. This recruitment must be controlled rigidly by the Agency Superintendent and the District School Superintendent working together. Interference from local teachers or missionaries or School Board members cannot be countenanced. Mr. Fawcett should make the decisions and any disagreement between him and the Board should be referred to the Regional Office.

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3. All expenditures beyond the normal school operation costs must be carefully controlled by the Agency Office in the normal fashion. Recommendations for unauthorized expenditures should be forwarded to the Regional Office for consideration. Referring specifically to the recent accounts for school uniforms I wish to draw your attention to my letter of June 21, file 129/25-11-136, in which authority for an expenditure for school uniforms to be charged to the Welfare Vote was given. In the same letter authority for a daily per capita expenditure of 30 cents for noon lunch at the joint school was granted. It will be necessary to advise the Board of this authority and to return their invoices for revision. This 30 cents must include the charge for milk. I also stated in this letter that funds could not be provided for adult education at the joint school in the present school year.
  
4. The latest request from Father Ferron is contained in the attached letter dated October 2 in which he requests authority to lodge an unstated number of children in the joint school hostel. Would you please advise the Board that funds are not available for this purpose and that the parents concerned must accept all financial responsibility for any hostel service they may desire. We have no intention of being drawn into the establishment of another residential school in this area. Children requiring institutional care will be sent to one of our residential schools in the area. This should be decided by Mr. Fawcett before school opens.
  
5. The operation of the joint school should be carefully investigated to ensure adherence to the terms of the agreement and the undertaking of the Board with respect to the balance of non-Indian and Indian pupils. The Branch has purchased accommodation for 80 pupils but it was anticipated that only 50 would be enrolled this year. In fact, at one point the

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Board wanted written agreement to such a figure. However, the active recruitment of Father Ferron has resulted in an enrolment of 79 and I am somewhat concerned about the classroom load and the quality of instruction.

In summary this joint school is to be administered in the same manner as other joint schools.

There is some urgency in getting this situation straightened out before it becomes more involved and further recommendations are made for funds which we do not have. It would be advisable for someone from the Regional Office, either you or Mr. Shaw, to call on Father Ferron and make a visit to the school immediately to take up the points I have raised.

*R. F. Davey*

R. F. Davey.

c.c. Mr. L.R. Fawcett

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Father Moss School 144/25-2-419

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
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COMMISSION SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE

BOX OR C.P. 218

Sioux Narrows, ONTARIO, CANADA  
October 2nd - 1962.

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Mr. R. F. Davey,  
Assistant Director (Education)  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Ottawa - Ontario.

Dear Mr. Davey : -

Not knowing to whom I should address myself,  
sorry to bother you with the following subject .....

Towards the end of this month the parents of some  
of the children frequenting our school from Sabaskong Reserve will be  
going to their trap-line 10 to 20 miles distant from their "home"; it means  
that these parents will be away from the Reserve for several weeks.

Some of these parents have asked us if we could  
lodge their children on the school campus for that period. We have all the  
commodities except the beds and bedding. Just returned from Fort Frances  
Indian School where they are now installed in their new quarters and the  
beds and bedding used in the old building are now available.

Could we acquire these items at a nominal price ?

Thanking you for your past and present cooperation,  
we remain,

Yours very sincerely,

*R. Ferron*  
R. Ferron, o.m.i.

Regional Office  
Mr. L.R. Fawcett  
Kenora Agency Office

129/25-11-136 (E10)

LGFI/bp

Rev. R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

OTTAWA 4, October 16, 1962.

Dear Father Ferron:

I have your letter of October 2 in which you ask permission to purchase some used bedding from the Fort Frances Indian Residential School. Your request will be dealt with in a separate memorandum.

In this letter I wish to comment on your intentions for the use of this bedding. Your letter intimates that you intend to provide accommodation in the school hostel for certain Indian children whose parents are about to leave on their traplines. Please be advised that the Branch will not accept any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for Indian children taken into your hostel without prior approval. Although you have not mentioned any such charge to the Branch in your letter, neither do you request permission to accept the children, I am advising you at this time to avoid any misunderstanding in the future.

For your convenience and to ensure that all persons involved are adequately informed would you please communicate directly with the Kenora Agency Office in all matters concerning the joint school. Generally speaking I am not able to deal directly with the points you raise and I must in turn refer them to our field officials who are in personal touch with them. Your cooperation in this respect would be appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
R. F. DAVEY

R. F. Davey,  
Assistant Director (Education).



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
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Regional Supervisor, North Bay

Att'n: Mr. F. Shaw.

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

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OUR FILE No. 129/25-11  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

Superintendent, Kenora Agency.

DATE Nov. 8, 1962.

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Noon-lunches for pupils  
attending the Father Moss School.

Enclosed please find account for Noon-lunches served to the attached list of pupils during the month of October, 1962.

*E. Law*  
Eric Law.

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# MEMORANDUM

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TO  
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Regional Supervisor, North Bay

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11  
Notre dossier

DATE November 5, 1962

FROM  
De

Superintendent, Kenora Agency.

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

Tuition Fees- Father Moss School  
Months of September & October.

Attached please find accounts in triplicate for providing tuition for Indian children from Whitefish Bay and ~~Saskong~~ reserves who are attending the Father Moss School at Sioux Narrows.

To date no authority has been received in this office to process these accounts.

  
Eric Law.

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encl.

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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
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Regional Supervisor, North Bay

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25-11-136 (E1)

DATE

November 6, 1962.

FROM  
De

Assistant Director (Education)

FOLD

SUBJECT  
Sujet

I am enclosing herewith copy of letter received from Father Ferron regarding payment for uniforms and noon lunches.

In this connection, would you please refer to my letter of October 16 with which the invoices in question were returned to you with the request that someone from your Office, either you or Mr. Shaw, call on Father Ferron and take up with him the various points raised in my letter of October 16. Apparently no-one has yet called on Father Ferron and the accounts are no doubt still in your Office.

I would request that an immediate visit be made to Father Ferron. I believe both Agency Superintendent Law and Mr. Fawcett should attend the meeting.

R.F. Davey.

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129/25-11-136 (E1)

Reverend R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Ottawa 4, November 6, 1962.

Dear Father Ferron:

I acknowledge your letter of November 2 and regret that apparently there has been some misunderstanding with regard to the uniforms and noon lunches of Indian pupils attending the Father Moss School.

We had agreed to provide uniforms as a welfare charge and we had also authorized an amount of 30 cents per day for noon lunches for the Indian pupils, this amount to include the charge for milk.

I am instructing our Regional Office to discuss these and other matters relating to the Father Moss School with you.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
R. F. DAVEY

R.F. Davey,  
Assistant Director (Education)

MAIL TO 

c.c. Regional Supervisor, North Bay

129/25-11-136 (K1)

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H. F. DAVEY

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Assistant Director (Education)

c.c. Regional Supervisor, North Bay

FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

Box or C.P. 218,  
Sioux Narrows,  
Ontario, Canada.

November 2nd - 1962.

Mr. R.F. Davey,  
Assistant Director (Education)  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Davey:

The following should not have to be brought to your attention but we are in November and we are still with nothing concrete at this end regarding the expenditures we have had to make for the uniforms and noon lunches of the Indian pupils frequenting this school.

Mr. Law, Kenora Agency, has just been contacted by telephone; he has nothing on hand, though he has forwarded our accounts in due time. Mr. Fawcett, District School Superintendent declared a few days ago that he did not know why these accounts were not settled.

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In case it might be of some help, here are some explanations:

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Noon-lunches: Mr. L.R. Fawcett, District School Superintendent, mentioned to me this week that he would remember vaguely that in one Agency they were questioning the cost of the milk over and above the lunch proper. The daily issuance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint of milk to the white children was decided by the Board after being informed of

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May I take this opportunity to thank you for the directives given in your letter of October 16th last. They will be applied with pleasure from now on.

Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) R. FERRON, O.M.I.

FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

Box or C.P. 218,  
Sioux Narrows,  
Ontario, Canada.

November 2nd - 1962.

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Yours very sincerely,

(Sd.) R. FERRON, O.M.I.

c.c. Regional Supervisor - N. Ontario.

MAIL TO

Mr. L. R. Fawcett, District School Supt.,  
Indian Agency Office, Port Arthur, Ont.

129/25-11-136 (E5)

Assistant Director (Education)

October 4, 1962.

Adult Education Classes  
Sioux Narrows Joint School

This is further to my telegram of October 3 regarding the operation of special classes at the Father Moss School.

When Father Ferron was in my office in June, I told him that although we were sympathetic to his ideas it was unlikely that we would be able to operate special classes at Sioux Narrows this year. Now it is quite evident no funds whatsoever will be available for such a project. Please notify Father Ferron immediately if he has not already been advised to this effect.

Even though funds were at hand, it would not be possible to approve the operation of special classes on the basis of your submission of September 28. In cases such as this, we require much more information than you have provided regarding the courses to be followed; the number of students in each class; the qualifications and experience of the instructors; as well as definite information regarding the hours that the classes will be conducted. It would also be necessary for you to provide detailed information regarding the need for transportation, the number requiring bus service, and the route which the bus would follow. However, since we cannot consider these classes for this year no further information is required.

In future, when making similar submissions, kindly provide pertinent information in order that we may have sufficient details in order to justify any expense which is involved.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
R. F. DAVEY

R. F. Davey.

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District School Superintendent, Port Arthur

129/25-11 (E)

Regional School Superintendent, North Bay

October 5, 1962

Grassy Narrows School

Sometime ago Mr. Schantz, Director, Northern Light Gospel Mission, enquired whether the Branch would be prepared to offer assistance toward the operation of a day school on the Grassy Narrows Reserve. Mr. Schantz was advised that since the Branch was planning to construct a school there next year, it would not be prepared to offer substantial financial assistance to the operation of this temporary classroom. However, since the operation of a classroom until the new day school is constructed would help to prepare the children for admission to the new school I would be happy to recommend to the Branch that the Mission be provided with classroom supplies and text books.

I would suggest that you advise the teacher

:AW

  
F. M. Shaw

Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa

129/25-11(E)

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

October 5, 1962

Father Moss Joint School

Our office has received the enclosed accounts from Rev. R. Ferron, Secretary-Treasurer, Father Moss Joint School, requesting the Branch to cover the cost of noon lunches and school uniforms for Indian children from the Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong Indian Schools who are attending this school. As we are not aware of the arrangement that has been made with Rev. Ferron, we submit these accounts for your consideration.

For further reference, we would appreciate being advised regarding the accommodation the Branch is prepared to provide this school.

:AW  
Encls.



G. S. Lapp



# ACTION REQUEST

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company or individual **Indian Affairs Branch, Dept. of Citizenship & Immigration**

address and telephone **Ottawa, Ont.**

time and date **October 3, 1962** charge acct. no. \_\_\_\_\_

to **L. R. Fawcett** care of or apt. no. \_\_\_\_\_

street and number **Indian Agency Office** place **Port Arthur, Ontario**

129/25-11-136 (85) *kw*

REURLET SEPTEMBER TWENTY EIGHT FILE 129/25-11-136. FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE

FOR ADULT CLASSES FATHER MOSS SCHOOL. LETTER FOLLOWING .

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MAIL TO *PA*

c.c. N.B. Reg. Office

R. F. Davey,

Assistant Director (Education)

send this message subject to the terms on back

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**Canadian National  
Telecommunications Company**

Hereinafter called the Company.

J. R. White, general manager, Toronto.

Terms and conditions upon which telegraph and cable messages shall be transmitted are prescribed by Order No. 49274, dated December 5th, 1932, of the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada and published in The Canada Gazette.

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No employee of the Company shall vary the foregoing.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa,

129/25-11-136

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur,

Oct. 1/62.

Father Moss Joint School,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Enclosed herewith is a letter dated September 28th  
from Father Ferron.

In a letter dated September 26, a copy of which  
was sent to the Regional Supervisor, I requested a certified  
statement of costs for the Father Moss Joint School.

LRF/njc  
Enc.

*Hessman*  
for L. R. Fawcett.

c.c. Regional Supervisor, North Bay.

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COPY

FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

September 28th - 1962.

Mr. L. R. Fawcett,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur - Ontario.

Dear Mr. Fawcett : -

In answer to yours of the 26th instant enquiring  
about the final cost of Father Moss Joint School at Sioux  
Narrows.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that the total amount of invoices  
received to date for the construction and equipment of Father  
Moss Joint School, at Sioux Narrows, Ontario, amounts in our  
books to the sum of : \$191,923.27.

"R. Ferron"

R. Ferron, Secretary-  
Treasurer

According to the agreement signed with the Indian Affairs  
Branch, on March 10th, 1962, the cost was estimated at  
\$172,052.00 ; this represents a deficiency of \$19,871.27.

This school was planned to operate 4 classrooms. We presently

have 5 crowded classrooms. Additional equipment and facilities had to be provided. We also encountered unexpected expenses with the landscaping and proper water supply.

Yours very sincerely,

" R. Ferron, omi"

R. Ferron, o.m.i.

Regional Supervisor, North Bay.

129/25-11

Superintendent, Konora Agency.

Oct. 2nd, 1962

School Lunches for Whitefish Bay and  
Sabaskong children attending Father  
Moss School, Sioux Narrows.

Attached, please find accounts in triplicate for providing lunches  
to Indian children from Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong reserves who  
are attending Father Moss School.

We have no authority in this office to process and no instructions  
have been provided.

*E. Lee*  
E. Lee.

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encl.

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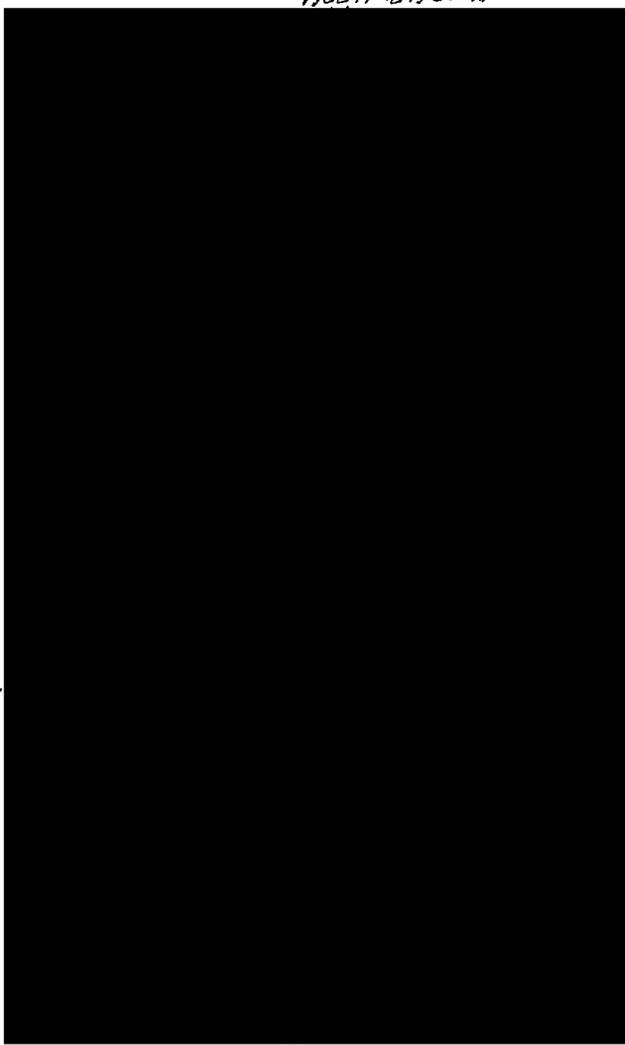
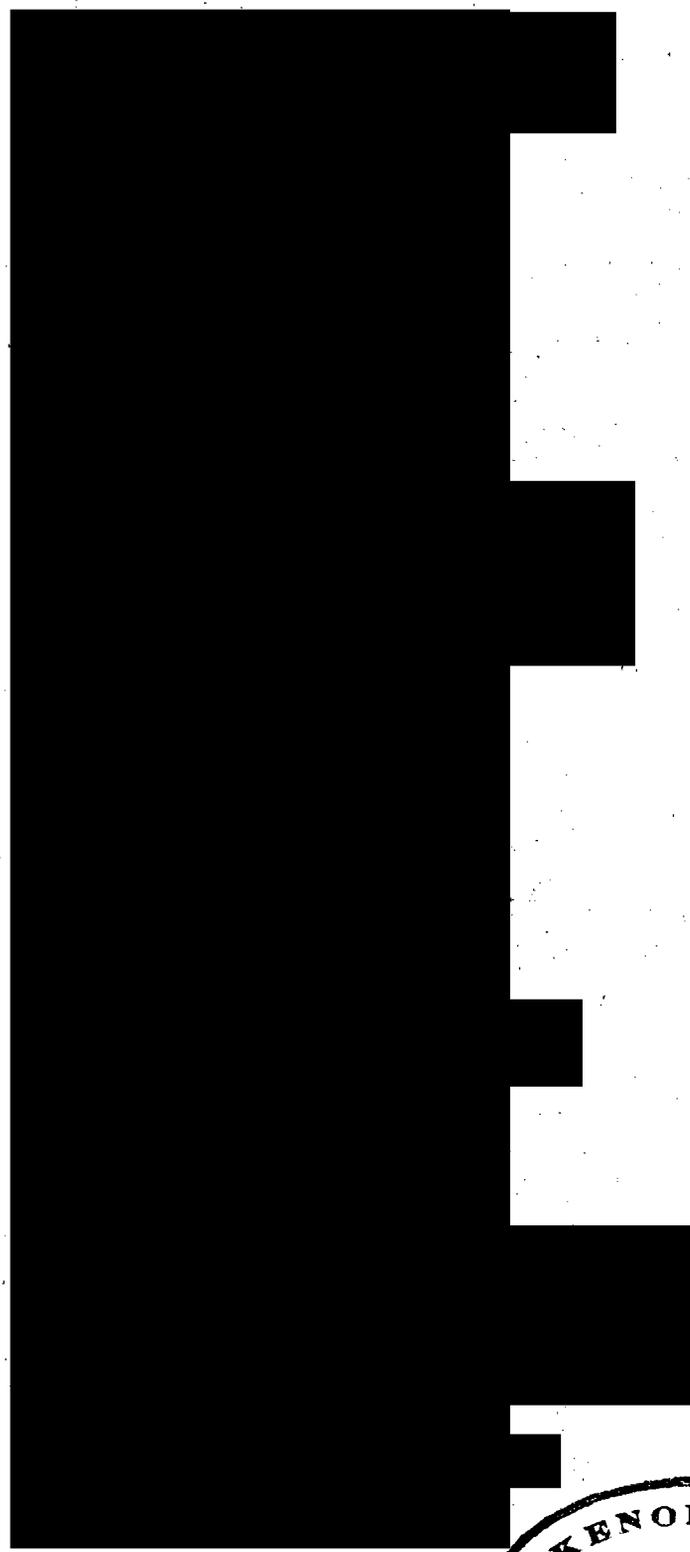
September 17th - 1962

To : Indian Affairs Branch - Ottawa.

Indian pupils to whom noon-lunches have been served at Father Moss School.  
from September 17th to 27th inclusively.

Whitefish Bay Indian Reserve

Sabaskong Indian Reserve  
ASSABASKA BAND



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62I lunches at 0.35 . . . . .	217.35
62I 1/2 pint milk at 0.06 . . . . .	37.26

Amount due . . . . . :\$254.61

Certified correct:

*R. Ferron*  
R. Ferron, c.m.i.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
SIOUX NARROWS, ONT.



Regional Supervisor, North Bay

129/25-11

Superintendent, Kenora Agency

Sept. 26/62

School lunches and uniforms for Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong children attending Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows.

Attached please find accounts in triplicate for providing lunches and school uniforms to Indian children from Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong reserves who are attending Father Moss School.

We have no authority in this office to process these invoices and no instructions have been provided. May we please be advised how these and future invoices should be handled.

You will note that lunches have been provided to four non-Indian children from the Whitefish Bay Reserve and three non-Indian children from the Sabaskong Reserve. Clothing has also been supplied to the four non-Indian from Whitefish Bay Reserve. These children, although they are of non-Indian status, live on the two reserves.

  
for E. Law.

062431 SEP 28 '62

FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

Box or C.P.: 218  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario  
September 17th - 1962.

Mr. E. Law - Superintendent,  
Indian Agency,  
Kenora - Ontario.

Dear Mr. Law:-

Enclosed is the list of the children to whom  
noon-lunch has been served at Father Moss School for the  
period extending from September 4th to 14th inclusively.

639 lunches served to Indian pupils at 0.35 per lunch . . . . .	223.65
639 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of milk at 0.06 each . . . . .	38.34
	<u>\$261.99</u>

Kindly forward the above account to the proper  
authorities of the Indian Affairs Branch.

Thanking you - we remain,

Yours very sincerely,

(signed)

R. Ferron, o.m.i. - Sec. Treas.  
Father Moss School  
Sioux Narrows - Ontario.

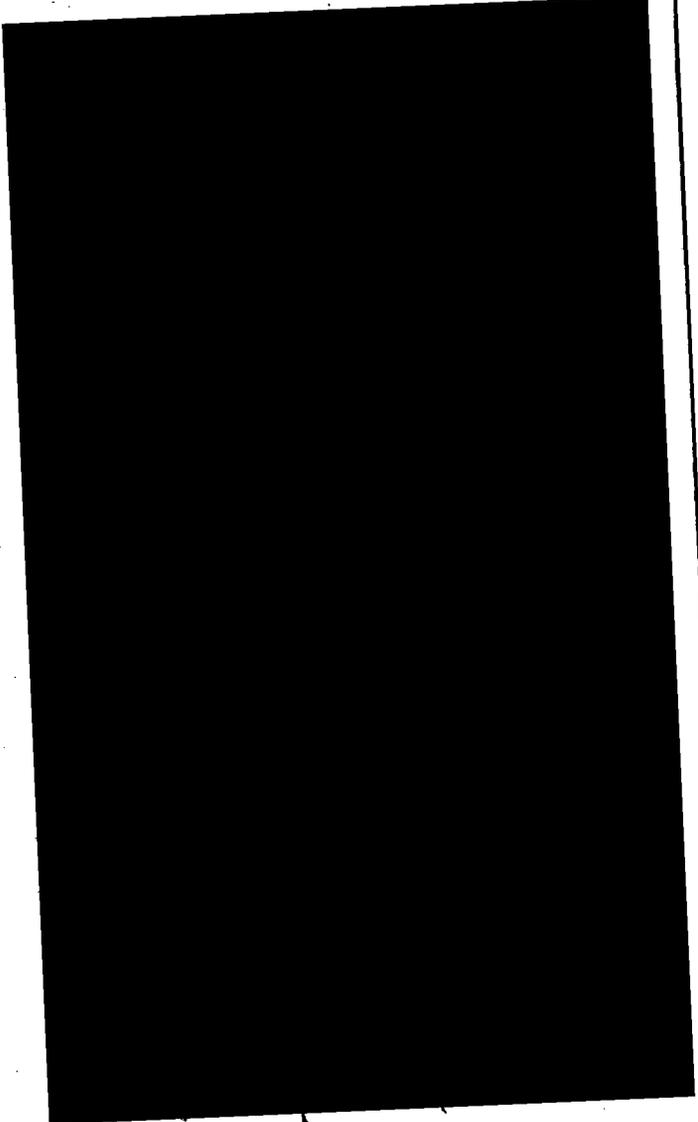
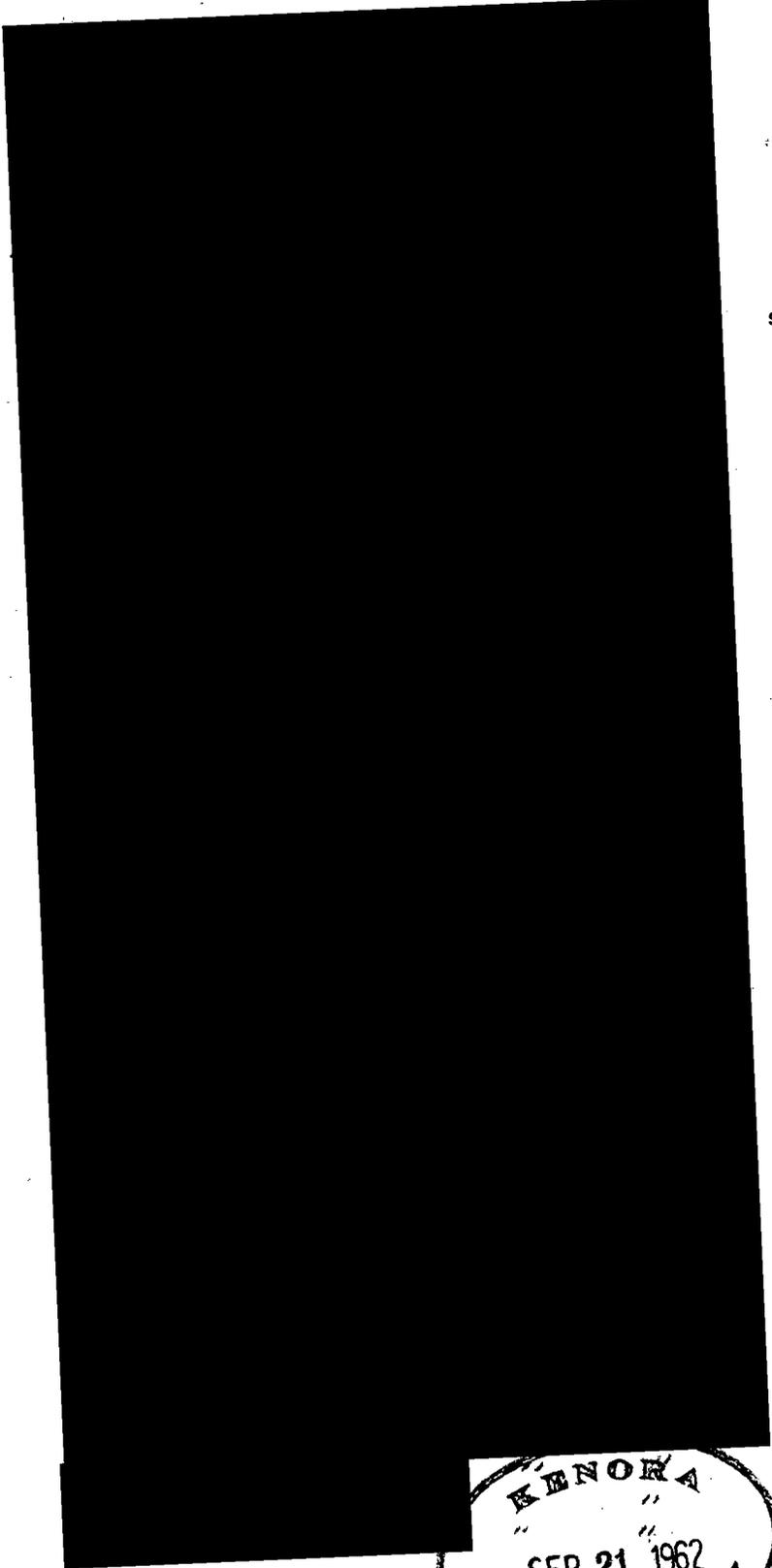
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Sioux Narrows - Ontario  
September 17th - 1962.

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Whitefish Bay Indian Reserve

Sabashong Indian Reserve



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*certified correct*  
*P. J. Ferron (oui)*

Kenora Indian Agency  
P.O. Box 1088  
Sioux Narrows, Ont.  
Sept 21 1962

**KENORA**  
SEP 21 1962  
**INDIAN AGENCY**

C O P Y

SIMPSONS-SEARS LIMITED  
 Toronto Control Store

September 11, 1962  
 Account No. TR 4049 CD

PAYABLE TO - Father Moss School - Sioux Narrows - Ontario

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>PRICE PER</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2	Pants	\$5.99	\$11.98
13	Pants	5.99	77.87
10	Pants	5.99	59.90
11	Pants	5.99	65.89
3	Pants	5.99	17.97
2	Pants	2.97	5.94
13	Pants	2.97	38.61
10	Pants	2.97	29.70
11	Pants	4.99	54.89
3	Pants	4.99	14.97
2	Shirts	3.89	7.78
14	Shirts	3.89	54.46
9	Shirts	3.89	35.01
11	Shirts	3.89	42.79
3	Shirts	3.89	11.67
2	Shirts	2/5.50	5.50
14	Shirts	2/5.50	38.50
9	Shirts	2/5.50	24.79
11	Shirts	2/5.50	30.29
3	Shirts	2/5.50	8.29
5	Tunics	4.97	24.85
17	Tunics	4.97	84.49
5	Tunics	4.97	24.85
3	Tunics	4.97	14.91
1	Tunic		4.97
5	Blouses	1.99	9.95
17	Blouses	1.99	33.83
5	Blouses	1.99	9.95
3	Blouses	1.99	5.97
1	Blouse		1.99

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Less 10% Trade Discount 85.26

Plus 3% Sales Tax 8.26

\$775.56

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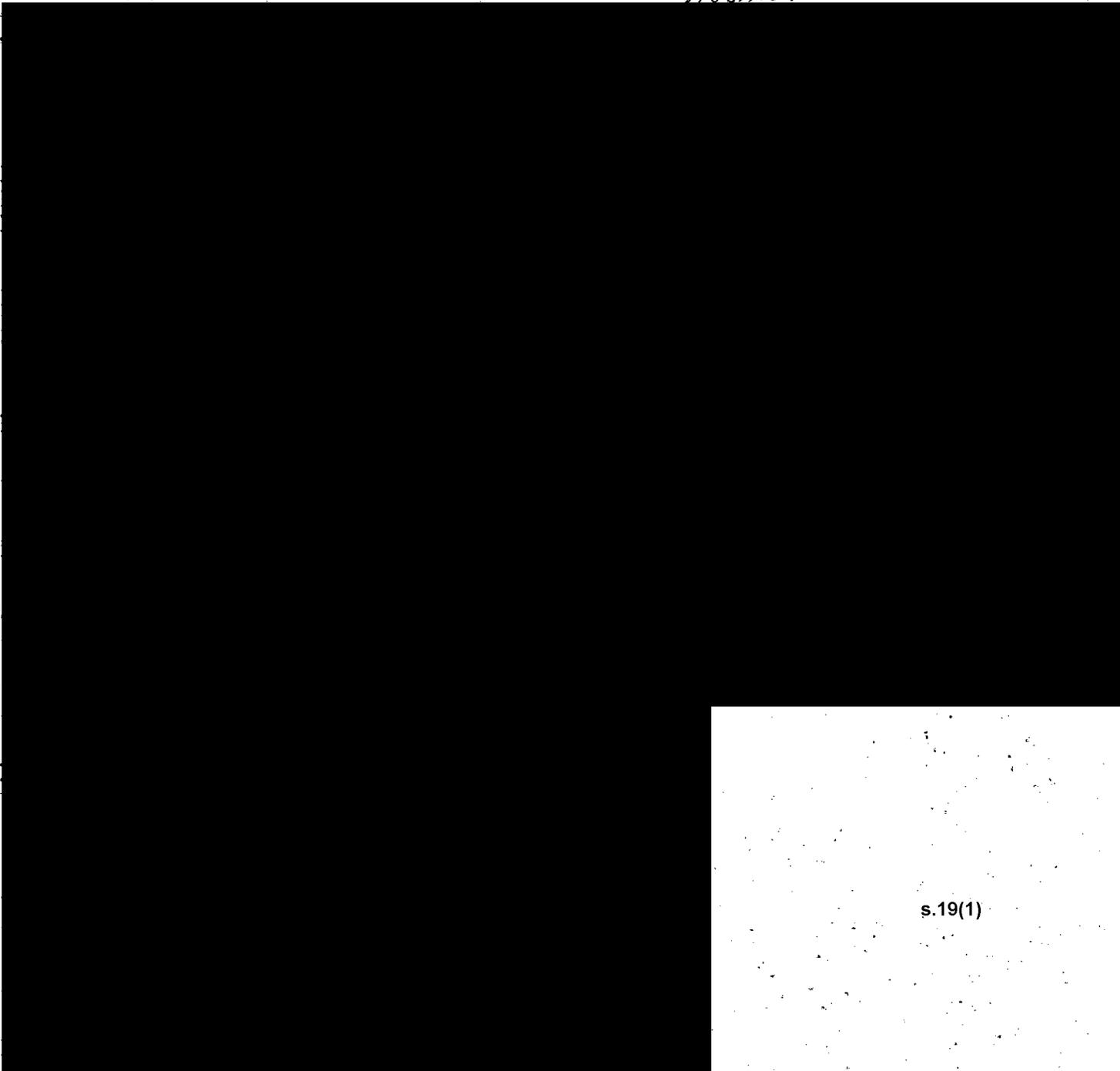
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Indian pupils to whom Uniforms have been issued at Father Moss School.

Whitefish Bay Indian Reserve

Sabaskong Indian Reserve  
ASSABASKA ISLAND



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SEP 21 1962  
INDIAN AGENCY

Certified correct:

*R. Ferron, o.m.i.*

R. Ferron, o.m.i.  
Father Moss School  
Stouffville - Ontario.

Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa,

129/25-11-136

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur,

Oct. 1/62.

Father Moss Joint School,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

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LRF/njc  
Enc.

*N. Messman*  
*for* R. Fawcett.

c.c. Regional Supervisor, North Bay.

COPY

FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

September 28th - 1962.

Mr. L. R. Fawcett,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur - Ontario.

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Treasurer

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Yours very sincerely,

" R. Ferron, omi"

R. Ferron, o.m.i.



# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
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Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

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OUR FILE No. 129/13-2  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur,

DATE Sept. 28/62.

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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Grassy Narrows School

A letter has been received from Miss Beatrice Benner, teacher at the Grassy Narrows School in the Kenora Agency. Since this is not on my list of schools and presumably is a Church-operated school, can you give me some direction as to how the Department will react to supplying them with texts and supplies?

*Hessman*

LRF/njc

*for* L. R. Fawcett.

c.c. Superintendent Law, Kenora.

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129/25-11-136

Port Arthur, Ont.,  
September 17, 1962.

Father Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Box 218,  
Sioux Narrows,  
Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

When all the work on the Father Moss Joint School is completed, will you send us a certified statement of costs so that we can arrange for final payment according to our agreement.

Yours very truly,

*for* *L. R. Fawcett*  
L. R. FAWCETT,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

LRF/njc

c.c. Regional Supervisor, North Bay; ✓

Mr. F. Leonard,  
Separate School Inspector,  
News-Chronicle Building,  
Port Arthur, Ont.

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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

TO  
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Superintendent - Kenora Indian Agency

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No.  
Notre dossier

129/25-11-136 (E5)

c.c. 129/25-8  
DATE

June 21, 1962

FROM  
De

Chief, Education Division

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SUBJECT  
Sujet

Tuition Costs - Indian Children Attending  
Father Moss' School, Sioux Narrows

Father Ferron, Secretary Treasurer of the above mentioned School Board, was in my office yesterday regarding the payment of costs for children of Indian status who will be attending the Father Moss school. Since we have a joint agreement there the Department is prepared to pay tuition fees in accordance with the above mentioned agreement. In addition to this, Father Ferron has asked that the Indian children be clothed in a similar uniform to that worn by the non-Indian students. This has been agreed and will be a charge against the Welfare Vote since the children are attending the school from their own homes. We have also agreed that we will pay for a noon lunch at thirty cents (.30¢) per day for Indian students on those days when the non-Indian children are receiving lunch on the same basis and the accounts in this connection should be submitted separately from those in connection with tuition fees.

While Father Ferron was in my office he requested that adult education classes be arranged for up-grading several young people on the White Fish and Sabaskong Reserves. Although sympathetic to the idea the expense involved was so great that we were not able to agree with his suggestion.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
R. F. DAVEY

R. F. Davey.

055516 JUN 28 '62

FB/rz

c.c. North Bay Regional Office  
c.c. Indian Superintendent - Fort Frances

MAIL TO →

P.S. --- It would appear to us that it would facilitate matters if Father Ferron submitted accounts for both groups to your office. If you agree, kindly discuss the matter with Mr. Cooper.

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129/25-11

Port Arthur, Ont.,  
May 29, 1962.

Father Ferron,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
Sioux Narrows, Ont.

Subject: Special Course,  
Sioux Narrows Joint School

Dear Father Ferron:

After making several inquiries, I wish to comment on your proposal for additions to your educational programme at Sioux Narrows.

In September, Indian pupils from some of the upper grades at the Sabaskong and Chitefish Bay Indian Day Schools are going to be transported to Sioux Narrows Joint School. In this regard, due to some alleged misunderstanding, there appears to be some reluctance on the part of some of the Indians, to accept this arrangement. I would suggest that we concentrate on this part of our educational programme before we embark on anything new.

I presume you have made some inquiries regarding cost, for additional space would be required. I would appreciate hearing from you about this and am wondering if the Provincial Department of Education will contribute anything towards capital cost, grants for operation, and transportation? How many young men and women would be involved in such training?

Has any consideration been given to the use of facilities which we have at St. Mary's Indian Residential School in Kenora? Our woodworking and home economics facilities are spacious and well equipped. Starting in September, 1963,

Phor Ferron

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May 29, 1962.

they will not be used and classroom space would be available since grades six, seven and eight are going to attend the Kenora Separate Schools at that time. One might find the fifty odd miles objectionable, but roads are good and adults, not children, will be involved.

St. Mary's has the added advantage of being centrally located to other areas such as Rat Portage and Shoal Lake. In addition, St. Mary's is next door to a Reserve at Kenora.

Courses in small motors, such as outboards and chain saws are being offered periodically by the National Employment Service, however, some duplication may be necessary if half-time is to be devoted to academic up-grading.

Has consideration been given to the availability of teaching personnel for exceptional teachers would be required in such an ambitious undertaking.

We would appreciate your comments.



L. R. FAWCETT,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

LRF/njc

c.c. Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa  
Regional Supervisor, North Bay ✓  
Superintendent Eric Law, Kenora  
Father G. LeBleu, Principal,  
St. Mary's Indian Residential School,  
Kenora, Ontario.  
Mr. F. Leonard, Separate School System,  
Inspector,  
News-Chronicle Building,  
Port Arthur, Ont.

052832 MAY 31 '62

## Father Moss School

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
WAYKIMAKADAMOWOT KATOLIK KIKINOAMATIWIKAMIK  
COMMISSION SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE

BOX OR C.P.: 218

Sioux Narrows, ONTARIO, CANADA

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1962

Mr. F. M. Shaw  
Regional School Superintendent  
North Bay - Ontario

Dear Mr. Shaw -

This is to thank you  
for your letter of April 30<sup>th</sup> last  
requesting that future correspondence  
regarding the joint agreement of  
this Board with your Branch be  
directed to the office of Mr. Hawatt,  
Indian Agency Office, Port Arthur -

Yours very sincerely  
R. Ferron, Sec.

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129/25-11 (E)

Rev. Fr. R. Ferron, Secretary,  
Sioux Narrows R.C. Separate School  
Board,

Box 218,  
SIOUX NARROWS, Ontario.

P.O. Box 896,  
North Bay, Ontario,  
April 30, 1962.

Dear Rev. Ferron:

I am pleased to note that the basic negotiations are now complete regarding the joint agreement with our branch and that you are in receipt of the interim payment.

Since Mr. Fawcett, Indian Agency Office, Port Arthur is responsible for administering this agreement, I would request that future correspondence on this subject be directed to his office.

Yours very truly,

:MP  
c.c. Supt., Port Arthur

  
F. M. Shaw,  
Regional School Superintendent.



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# MEMORANDUM

CLASSIFICATION

Regional Supervisor - North Bay, Ontario  
(Attention: Mr. F. M. Shaw)

YOUR FILE No.  
Votre dossier

OUR FILE No. 129/25-11 (E10)  
Notre dossier

FROM  
De

Chief, Education Division

DATE April 27, 1962.

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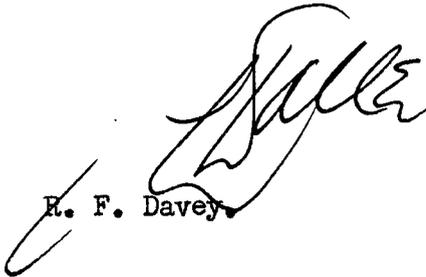
SUBJECT  
Sujet

Sioux Narrows Joint School

The interim payment was sent directly to Father Ferron to save time. All future correspondence on this subject will be routed through your office.

Would you please advise him to this effect.

Attached are two copies of the agreement for appropriate filing.

  
R. F. Davey

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MAIL TO ➤

C.C. Mr. F. M. Shaw, Reg. School Supt. - North Bay, Ontario.

REGISTERED MAIL

129/25-11 (E10)

Rev. R. Ferron, O.M.I.,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
Box 218,  
SIOUX NARROWS, Ontario.

OTTAWA, April 27, 1962.

Dear Father Ferron:

I am sending you herewith a cheque for \$57,351.00, the interim payment on our contribution of \$86,026.00 towards the construction of the Father Moss Joint School, together with one copy of the agreement. The second and final payment can be made on receipt of your audited statement of expenditures on the completion of the school.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
L. G. P. WALLER

R. F. Davey,  
Chief, Education Division.

LSFW/fn

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT MADE THIS 10 DAY OF March 1962

BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in right of Canada  
represented herein by the Minister of  
Citizenship and Immigration, hereinafter  
called "the Minister"

OF THE FIRST PART

AND

THE SIOUX NARROWS BOARD OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
TRUSTEES in the Province of Ontario,  
hereinafter called "the Board"

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the parties hereto have agreed to share the cost  
of construction of a four-classroom school with utility room for  
Indian and non-Indian children at Sioux Narrows in the Province of  
Ontario, which school is to be known as the Father Moss School  
(hereinafter called "the school");

WHEREAS the Board estimates that the cost of construction  
of the school, including architects fees, site, landscaping,  
furnishings and equipment, will be ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO THOUSAND  
AND FIFTY-TWO (\$172,052) DOLLARS;

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that the parties hereto  
hereby covenant and agree each with the other as follows:

1. The Minister shall pay to the Board 50% of the cost of construction  
of the school but the Minister's liability under this agreement  
shall not exceed the sum of EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX  
(\$86,026) DOLLARS.
2. The share of the cost of construction of the school payable  
to the Board pursuant to paragraph 1 shall be paid as follows:  
Two-thirds of such share on the execution of this  
agreement and the balance of the share on receipt  
by the Minister of an audited statement from the  
Board setting forth the expenditures with respect  
to the cost of construction of the school.

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3. The Minister shall pay to the Board a tuition fee for each Indian child in attendance at the school but the tuition fee charged by the Board shall not exceed the net average cost per child in operating the school.
4. The Minister shall endeavour
  - (a) to ensure the regular attendance of the Indian children at the school, and
  - (b) to maintain a standard of health, cleanliness and clothing among the Indian children attending the school comparable to that of the non-Indian children attending the school.
5. The Board shall
  - (a) arrange forthwith for the construction of the school, and
  - (b) forward to the Minister, upon completion of construction of the school, an audited statement of expenditures with respect to the cost of construction of the school.
6. The Board shall accept for enrolment in the school, at the commencement of each school year, eighty Indian children residing on the Whitefish Bay and Sabaskong Reserves and shall provide to such children the same educational facilities and instruction as it provides to the non-Indian children.
7. The Board shall ensure that there will be no segregation in the school by reason of race or colour.
8. The Board shall quarterly forward to the Minister a statement of tuition fees to be paid with respect to the Indian children attending the school.
9. Nothing in this agreement shall confer on the Minister any right of supervision over the curriculum, the administration and teaching personnel, the methods or materials of instruc-

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tion or management generally of the school, provided the Minister or any person authorized by the Minister, shall have the right to inspect the school from time to time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF these presents have been signed by the parties hereto, the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

*Laura McCormack*  
.....  
as to the signature of the Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

*George Staddon*  
.....  
Deputy Minister

*Joseph Chilion*  
.....  
as to the signature of the Board.

*M.A. Beaudette* Trustee  
*R. Mathieu* Chairman  
*R. Ferron* Secretary  
.....  
Board.

District School Superintendent, Port Arthur

129/25-11(E)

February 5, 1962

Regional School Superintendent,  
North Bay

Joint School - Sioux Narrows

In a recent conversation with Mr. Waller at Sioux Lookout I was advised that Headquarters has been negotiating directly with Reverend Ferron with respect to this new proposed joint school. We have no further information at Regional Office on this project than we have already indicated to you.

I regret any extra trouble I have given you and would suggest that no further steps be taken until we hear from Head Office.

:AW

  
F. M. Shaw

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur

129/25-11

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Regional School Superintendent,  
North Bay

January 11, 1962

Joint School - Sioux Narrows

From the Regional Office's point of view the situation regarding this joint school agreement is most cloudy. In your letter of December 29, Reverend Ferron indicates that arrangements have not been finalized with our Branch and yet the project is already in the process of construction.

Since construction is under progress the contract must have been placed, thus the contracted cost of construction must be available. With respect the joint school submission form, it would seem to me the estimates of cost for section five must be available. If the official figures are not available, I would suggest that you procure estimated cost for your joint school submission in order that the Branch may have an indication regarding its share of contribution. Since our fiscal year ends end of March, funds held for this project must be spent before that date.

I trust that the details of this project may be clarified at an early date.

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per F. M. Shaw

Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

District School Superintendent, Port Arthur,

129/25-11

Joint School, Sioux Narrows

Dec. 29/61

Enclosed herewith is a letter from Father Ferron of Sioux Narrows. Evidently the Joint School Submission forms which you requested in your letter of December 6, 1961, cannot be completed at this time since the agreement with Ottawa is not finalized.

On my last trip through Sioux Narrows in September, I noted that construction had started on the school and the Contractor told me that the school should be ready before the end of the present school year.



L. R. FAWCETT,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

LRF/njc  
duplicate.

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THIS IS A COPY ONLY

Sioux Narrows - Ontario  
December 27 - 1961.

Mr. L. R. Fawcett,  
District School Superintendent,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Port Arthur - Ontario.

Dear Mr. Fawcett:

This is to acknowledge yours of the 19th instant and the enclosed "joint school submission" form.

On the 23rd last I returned here from meeting your Officials in Ottawa and the agreement is not finalized as yet; consequently it is not possible for me to fill the form properly at present.

Nevertheless, the following points could be brought to your attention immediately:

- the "all purpose room" will be used temporarily for teaching;
- a beginning of "home economics", "vocational training" and "adult education" will be started outside of the regular hours of the curriculum;
- your Department will, indirectly, contribute to the Teachers' quarters, through the operational cost of this school;
- if judged convenient and not detrimental to the "day-school" on the Reserves, children below grade 6, will be accepted;
- our present plans call for 5 teachers;

- our enrolment will be in the vicinity of 50 and yours should be around the same figure;
- it would appear, with the present projection, that the joint school WILL NOT MEET the needs of the age group to attend this school for the next five years.

May I take this opportunity to extend to you and yours my best wishes of the Season.

Very sincerely yours,

"R. Ferron, Sec."

R. Ferron, Secretary  
Catholic School Trustees  
Sioux Narrows - Ontario.

129/25-11

Port Arthur, Ontario,  
December 19, 1961.

Father Ferron,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

Regional Office in North Bay has requested that a new Joint School Submission be prepared and returned to them as soon as possible. This is necessary as the Department must know what our contribution will be before the end of this fiscal year.

Please note that certain sections of this form have already been completed. Would you kindly complete the following sections: five (5), seven (7), and nine (9), and return it to this office at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Yours truly,



L. R. FAWCETT,  
District School Superintendent  
Port Arthur.

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Enc.

c.c. Regional Supervisor, North Bay.

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District School Superintendent, Port Arthur

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Regional School Superintendent, North Bay

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Proposed Joint School- Sioux Narrows

December 6, 1961

I was pleased to note that the Separate School Board is prepared to continue negotiations with respect this joint school.

Since the joint school submission submitted early last spring included the teacherage, I would request that a new joint submission be forwarded covering the current plans for the school only. It will also be necessary that we be advised regarding the anticipated date for commencing construction as Branch Headquarters must know when our contribution will be required before the end of this fiscal year.

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P. H. Shaw

c.c. Superintendent, Kenora  
Indian Affairs Branch, Ottawa

Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

129/25-11 (E)

District School Superintendent, Port Arthur,

129/25-11

Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

Nov. 30/61

Thank you for your letter of November 16 on the above-mentioned school. On November 21 I was able to discuss this project with Father Ferron and he assured me that the joint school would be built and construction would start almost immediately. The residence would not be included in the cost of the school and this would bring the cost down to where Treasury Board would likely approve. From what I was able to discover, our assistance has been accepted in this project and while negotiations with Ottawa were not finalized, I received the impression that only the formality of a signed Agreement remained. I will report further to you on this should anything develop.



L. R. FAWCETT,  
District School Superintendent  
Port Arthur.

LRF/njc  
duplicate.

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District School Superintendent, Port Arthur

Regional School Superintendent, North Bay

129/25-11 (E)

Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows  
Separate School Board.

November 16, 1961

I note from your letter of November 6 that you have been unsuccessful in obtaining from Father Ferron information covering previous negotiations with respect this project.

Briefly about a year ago Father Ferron suggested that if our Branch was agreeable to a joint school project he would be prepared to promote the setting up of a Separate School Board for the purpose of constructing a joint separate school. The joint school submission (copy of which should be on your file) including architect's drawings were submitted to Ottawa, however, due to the elaborate nature of the teacher's residence our Branch was unable to approve the plan. The attached letter was submitted to Father Ferron. To date we have received no reply from Father Ferron with respect the proposals made by our Branch.

As the Branch is most anxious that this joint project be materialized I would suggest that you discuss with Father Ferron the proposal made in the Branch's letter of September 11.

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Encl.

  
F. M. Shaw

MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

YOUR FILE No:

FROM : District School Superintendent, Port Arthur, OUR FILE No:  
129/25-11

SUBJECT: Proposed School - Sioux Narrows

DATE: Nov. 6/61

While in Kenora last week, I visited Sioux Narrows, where I met Father Ferron, Missionary, in that area. I attempted to find out if the Joint School had been approved or was being constructed, or where the present negotiations were. I was unable to discover anything. I met Mr. Gaudry, Chairman of the Public School Board, and he told me that the contract was let. This is actually superfluous, but it indicates some confusion. I am trying to make another point.

If integration takes place from Whitefish Bay, where we presently have three classrooms, then only two will likely be required. Two teachers can be accommodated in the present two bedroom residence or a room can be fixed up in the basement for this purpose. (Miss Carriere presently is living in a room in the basement). Why would we need a new residence if integration takes place? And I understand tenders have been let for this residence.

I am aware that I have been left out of negotiations for this integrated school and for which I am not objecting, but I feel that I should indicate this discrepancy to someone. Would you kindly check and let me know, if you can, what is going on. Thank you.



L. R. FAWCETT,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

LRF/njc  
c.c. Chief, Education Division.

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Regional Supervisor - Northern Ontario  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

MAIL TO →

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INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH

DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION



CANADA

DIVISION DES AFFAIRES INDIENNES

MINISTÈRE DE LA CITOYENNETÉ ET DE L'IMMIGRATION

OUR FILE NO. 129/25-11 (E10)  
Notre dossier n°.....

LGPC/bp

Rev. R. Ferron,  
Secretary,  
Catholic School Trustees,  
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

OTTAWA, September 11, 1961.

Dear Father Ferron:

In my last letter to you of July 13 I advised you that a submission to Treasury Board recommending approval in principle to a contribution of \$78,150 by the Government to the proposed joint school at Sioux Narrows had gone forward. Treasury Board has now replied to the effect that since the average per capita cost for comparable projects is \$1,000, which in terms of the Sioux Narrows proposed school would be \$50,000, we should attempt to negotiate an agreement with your Board which would bring our contribution down to the above-mentioned figure.

If we are to go forward with this joint school considerable modifications to the present plans will be necessary. As matters now stand the following courses of action are open to us in our negotiations:

1. Use the plans of Ranta and Tett as they stand but separate the cost of the teachers' quarters. The contribution of the Federal Government would be based on the cost of the school accommodation alone, which would be about \$100,000, I believe, bringing our contribution to about \$50,000. The Board in this case would recover its investment in the

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teachers' quarters through rental which in turn would mean higher salaries for the teacher and corresponding higher operational costs.

2. Modify the plans for the school with attached teachers' quarters to bring the total cost to about \$100,000. This would involve further negotiations with the province and a reduced provincial grant.
3. Construct the school according to the plans as they stand but omit the teachers' quarters. The latter could be added at a later date. This involves finding temporary living quarters for the Sisters or hiring local teachers who would not require living quarters.

I should appreciate any suggestions you may have to make in arriving at an agreement acceptable to Treasury Board and reasonable to your Board which has, I believe, already commenced work on this project.

Yours sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
L. G. P. WALLER

R. F. Davey,  
Chief, Education Division.



District School Superintendent, Port Arthur

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

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c.c. 81/6-9

Proposed Grassy Narrows Joint School

September 12, 1961

Further to my letter of August 29 on this subject I would emphasize the importance of discussing this proposed joint agreement with both the members of the Grassy Narrows Community and the Church under whose religious affiliation the school will operate. As discussed on the occasion of my visit at your office, it is most important that the parents of the Community and the interested Church be contacted in the earliest stages in negotiating joint agreements.

Before any further action can be taken by the Branch, it will be necessary to receive a written resolution from the Band favouring the proposed joint school and a letter from the Church indicating their concurrence in the programme.

  
G. S. Lapp

c.c. Superintendent, Kenora

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MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Regional Supervisor - Northern Ontario  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

YOUR FILE No:  
81/6-9 (E2)

FROM : Chief, Education Division

OUR FILE No:  
129/25-11 (E10)

SUBJECT: Proposed Grassy Narrows Joint School

DATE:  
September 1, 1961.

I refer to your letter of August 29 to Mr. Fawcett and the attached correspondence on the above subject.

Your letter to Mr. Fawcett does not, in my opinion, give him the direction he requires as a new school superintendent. Two important points which must be considered in the early stages of any joint school negotiation, the wishes of the Indian community and religious affiliation of the parents, appear to have been ignored. These fundamentals have been outlined for field staff in the Field Manual, Section 11.42 and I would suggest that you require all of your school superintendents to be familiar with Chapter 11 of the Field Manual.

If the Mando Paper Company is employing Indian labor, a joint school would be a progressive step for the community and preferable to the construction of the proposed Indian day school. However, community support, which may not be difficult to obtain is most essential. The local Roman Catholic Church authorities will undoubtedly demand certain concessions for their people.

In the meantime I am not prepared to authorize any further negotiations until the above mentioned steps have been taken and a written resolution from the Band favoring a joint school has been received. Would you please instruct Mr. Fawcett to this effect.

*R. F. Davey*  
R. F. Davey



7/2/61

Chief, Education Division, Ottawa,

District School Superintendent, Port Arthur,

129/25-11

Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

June 8/61

In regard to your request that a reduction be made in the planned teacherage accommodation for the above school, please find attached a blue print indicating the latest revision of this project.

The residence is in my opinion still unnecessarily large and I would suggest that both the adult education, music room and chapel could be removed. It would be appreciated if North Bay would return their copy of the blue print so that we may have one on our file here.

FJF/njc

Enc.

c.c. North Bay



  
F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent  
Port Arthur

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District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.  
Superintendent, Kenora Agency.

129/25-11

Joint School - Sioux Narrows.

May 26, 1961.

A religious census was taken of the Whitefish Bay Band of Indians at the Whitefish Bay Reserve during treaty time on May 15th, 1961 in conjunction with the proposed Roman Catholic Seperate School to be constructed at Sioux Narrows this Year. Following are the results of our survey.

Roman Catholics	-	103
Anglicans	-	3
Presbyterian	-	5
Aboriginal Belief	-	<u>110</u>
		221

Please note that the survey covers only 221 people. These were the total number present or able to be accounted for at the Reserve on that day. Our 1961 payroll shows a total population of 251 in the Whitefish Bay Band.

Present while the survey was being taken were Mr. Wm. Grant, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. R.B. Elliott, clerk, and Mrs. B. Cunningham, clerk, of the Kenora Indian Agency, and Constable A. Farrell of the R.C.M.P. Detachment Kenora. There were no representatives of any religious groups in attendance at the survey.

*E. Law*  
E. Law.

→ c.c. Regional Supervisor,  
North Bay.



*FJF*  
Chief, Education Division, Ottawa,

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District School Superintendent, Port Arthur,

129/25-11

Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

May 19\_ 61

Reference is made to your letter of May 12, 1961.  
Please find attached a copy of a letter received from  
Father Ferron, Secretary of the Separate School Board at  
Sioux Narrows, dated May 18th, 1961.

FJF/njc  
Att.  
c.c. North Bay.

*F. J. Foss*  
F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent  
Port Arthur.



COPY

May 18th - 1961.

Mr. F. J. Foss,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur, Ontario.

Your file: 129/25-11

Dear Mr. Foss:

With reference to your letter of the 15th instant concerning our proposed joint school in Sioux Narrows, Ontario, this Board wishes to state:

1. that no rent will be charged for teachers occupying the residence.
2. that the supplying of free accommodation, will permit the payment of lower salaries resulting in lower operating costs which will in turn result in lower tuition accounts submitted to your Department.

Thanking you for your past and present cooperation, we remain,

Yours very sincerely,  
"R. Ferron, Sec."

R. Ferron, Secretary  
Separate School Board,  
Sioux Narrows, Ont.  
Box: 543  
Kenora, Ontario.



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MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

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TO : Regional Supervisor - Northern Ontario  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

YOUR FILE No:  
129/25-11

FROM : Chief, Education Division

OUR FILE No:  
129/25-11 (E10)

SUBJECT: Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

DATE:  
May 12, 1961.

I refer to the exchange of correspondence on the above project and, to a telephone conversation with Mr. Foss in which he explained to me the difficult situation he was in as a result of my letter of May 5 concerning our contribution to this school. It is most unfortunate that Mr. Foss did not inform me specifically that the teachers quarters to be attached to the school were exempt from provincial grant, since he knew this to be so and, of course, I was remiss in not asking this question directly.

It is generally assumed by the party providing teachers quarters that they will be revenue earning. Through the rental charged, the party will eventually recover all or part of the investment. If such is the case at the proposed joint school at Sioux Narrows the Board should not expect a contribution from the Federal Government towards the cost of the construction of the teachers quarters. If, on the other hand, these quarters are to be provided free of charge to the teachers this would be reflected in lower salaries for the teachers and lower operating costs for the school so that, indirectly, the investment in the teachers quarters would be recovered.

Would you please contact the School Board and investigate the arrangements that are to be made with respect to the rental of the teachers quarters or the recovery of rental equivalent through reduced salaries and what affect this will have on operating costs.

I should appreciate your report as soon as possible when you have met with the School Board.

*Copy to Mr. Foss  
May 19/61  
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*R. F. Davey*  
R. F. Davey.

c.c. Mr. F.J. Foss

*F. M.*

Chief, Education Division, Ottawa,

District School Superintendent, Port Arthur,

129/25-11

Proposed Joint School, Sioux Narrows

May 8, 1961.

This is in reply to Mr. Waller's letter of May 5th and my telephone conversation with Mr. Davey on May 8th. I will now quote from three letters on this file to indicate that we have comitted ourselves in writing to contribute to the cost of the proposed school and teacherage.

The following is a quotation from letter F. Foss to R. Davey, March 9th:

1. "It is my understanding that the Ontario Department of Education has agreed to consider approval of the attached plan for three classrooms and a playroom when they are assured that Indian Affairs is sharing costs on this project. Until that time approval stands at one classroom and a playroom.

You will note that the teacherage in the plan is attached to the school building and is rather extensive in regard to accommodations".

2. This quotation is from a letter of April 14th, R. F. Davey to F. M. Shaw, copy to F. Foss:

"I am prepared to approve in principle a contribution of approximately \$68,650 toward the construction of the Sioux Narrows Separate School, which would provide accommodation for 50 Indian pupils of the Whitefish and Assabaska Bands".

3. Letter F. Foss to Father R. Ferron, April 25:

"Please be advised that this office is in receipt of a letter from headquarters dated April 14th indicating that approval in principle has been granted for the proposed joint school in Sioux Narrows".

Chief, Education Division, Ottawa - 2 - May 8, 1961.

You will note from quotation number one that I have drawn to your attention the fact that the Ontario Department of Education has agreed to consider approval for three classrooms and a playroom. I have not mentioned the teacherage in connection with Ontario approval because I am and have been aware of the fact that the Ontario Department does not pay grant towards the construction of teacher accommodations.

You can see from quotations two and three that this office received your approval in principle and advised the Board accordingly.

A telephone conversation with the architect earlier today indicates that this project will be at the tendering stage in about three weeks. It is therefore necessary that we have a decision in regard to our contribution to the teacherage prior to that date. As you no doubt appreciate this is a very awkward situation and should it be necessary for the Department to contradict this letter of April 14th, this may well make the Sioux Narrows project impossible.

I would delay contacting the Board as requested in your letter of May 5th until further communication is received from your office.

FJF/njc

  
F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.



Chief, Education Division

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

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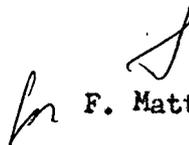
Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

April 27, 1961.

In reply to your inquiry of April 14 I am attaching a letter from Mr. Foss.

As Mr. Foss has indicated the two standard classrooms at Whitefish Bay will remain in operation. As the attached residence is adequate for one teacher only, I would agree that we proceed with the proposed new teacher's residence.

encl.

 F. Matters.

Chief, Education Division, Ottawa,

District School Superintendent, Port Arthur,

129/25-11

Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

April 25/61

Reference is made to your letter of April 14. In reply to your paragraph four please be advised that we have written to this teacher requesting that she indicate what area she would like to transfer to. No reply has as yet been received.

In regard to the proposed staff unit, considerable attention was given to this question last year and it has been decided that we should proceed with the proposed staff unit in order to provide more adequate accommodation at this school.



FJF/njc

*F. J. Foss*  
F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent  
Port Arthur.

c.c. Regional Supervisor, North Bay.

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MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

YOUR FILE No:

FROM : District School Superintendent, Port Arthur,

OUR FILE No: 129/25-11

SUBJECT: Band Resolutions- Whitefish Bay

DATE: April 25/61

Please find attached a copy of the band resolutions confirming the Indian people at Whitefish Bay are willing to have their children attend the proposed joint school at Sioux Narrows.

FJF/njc

  
F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.



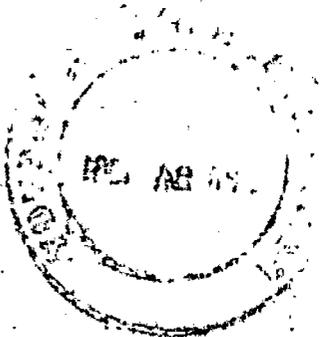


DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
 INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH  
 BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

NOTE: The words "From our Band Funds" must appear in all resolutions requesting expenditures from Band Funds.

The Council of the Whitefish Bay Band of Indians,  
 (Name of Band)  
 in the Kenora Indian Agency,  
 (Name of Agency)  
 in the Province of Ontario at a meeting, held at Whitefish Bay Reserve  
 (Name of Province in full) (Name of Place)  
 this nineteenth day of April A.D. 19 61  
 (In Full) (Month)

DO HEREBY RESOLVE: that we are in favor of having the children of the Whitefish Bay Band attend the Roman Catholic School at Sioux Narrows.



*Chief Wm. Gauthier*  
 (Chief)

*Paul [unclear]*  
 (Councillor)

*Cherry White*  
 (Councillor)

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MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Regional Supervisor - North Bay, Ont.  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

YOUR FILE No:

FROM : Chief, Education Division

OUR FILE No:  
129/25-11 (E10)

SUBJECT: Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

DATE:  
April 14, 1961.

I refer to Mr. Foss' letters of March 30 and April 10 on the above subject.

I am prepared to approve in principle a contribution of approximately \$68,650 toward the construction of the Sioux Narrows Separate School, which would provide accommodation for 50 Indian pupils of the Whitefish and Assabaska Bands.

It is understood that the joint school at Sioux Narrows would allow the closing of the unsatisfactory basement classroom in the Whitefish Bay Day School and would remove the necessity of opening a temporary classroom in the basement of the Sabaskong Day School.

The closing of one classroom in the Whitefish Bay Day School will involve the disposition of one teacher. May I have your recommendations on the teacher whose services will not be required at the Whitefish Bay School next year.

May I also have your recommendations please on the need for a three-bedroom staff unit, which is included on the construction program for the current fiscal year.

*R. F. Davey*  
R. F. Davey.

c.c. Mr. F.J. Foss

*cc Mr. Foss  
18/ 4/61*



Superintendent, Kenora Indian Agency

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

129/25-11 (E)

Bussing

April 27, 1961.

It is our understanding that children from Whitefish Bay will be bussed to Sioux Narrows Separate School commencing this fall.

We would request that you make the necessary arrangements with respect this bus route including the usual tendering. We shall await completed application at this office.

  
F. Matters.

c.c. Mr. Foss:

MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

YOUR FILE No: 124/25-11

FROM : District School Superintendent, Port Arthur, OUR FILE No: 129/25-11

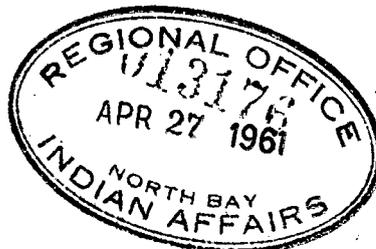
SUBJECT: Transportation - Sioux Narrows Proposed Joint  
School.

DATE: Apr. 25/61

Reference is made to your letter of April 18th addressed to Superintendent Cooper of the Fort Frances Indian Agency. There are also children to be transported from the Whitefish Bay reserve and I am wondering if you have written a similar letter to Superintendent Law.

FJF/njc

  
F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.



Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

District School Superintendent, Port Arthur,

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School Construction 1961-62 - Joint Schools

Mar.29/61

Building

It is noted from Ottawa's/list of March 15th that the proposed joint school at Sioux Narrows is not included. Please be advised that this project is developing rapidly and that Mr. Waller has indicated his willingness to accept a submission in the amount of \$68,000.00. One submission has been made already and a revised submission will be going forward shortly.



F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

FJF/njc



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Regional Supervisor, North Bay,

District School Superintendent, Port Arthur,

127/25-11

Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

Apr. 14/61

Please find attached copy of a letter received from Father Ferron dated April 12th. Father Ferron shows the religious break-down as follows:

Whitefish Bay

12 Catholics, 1 Protestant, 1 Presbyterian, 14 Pagans;

Sabaskong

4 Catholics, 11 Pagans;

This has been indicated by the Father on individual statements which the parents signed indicating that they will be sending their children to the proposed school.

It is realized that we could get a different religious census for Whitefish Bay, but I do not feel any concern about this matter, as there will be two classrooms continuing in operation at Whitefish Bay Indian Day School should Presbyterian pressures prevent some of the children from attending the joint school.

  
F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

FJF/njc  
Enc.

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Chief, Education Division,  
Ottawa,

District School Superintendent, Port Arthur,

129/25-11

Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

Mar.30/61

Reference is made to your letter of March 22nd. Please be advised that the Board has accepted the proposal outlined in your letter and I would now ask that you request approval in principle for an expenditure up to a maximum of \$68,650.00.

FJF/njc

*per* *Norma Grossman*

F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

c.c. Regional Office, North Bay.

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129/25-11

Port Arthur, Ontario,  
March 27, 1961.

Father R. Ferron, Secretary,  
Sioux Narrows R. C. Separate School Board,  
Box 543,  
Kenora,  
Ontario.

Dear Father Ferron:

During a telephone conversation with Inspector Leonard this afternoon he informed me that his projection shows 43 white children for our proposed joint school at Sioux Narrows. On the basis of this, it would appear that our proposed school will consist of three classrooms, general purpose room and an apartment as planned. This, of course, is assuming that Inspector Leonard will be able to obtain his Department's approval. He states that he is preparing his submission this afternoon (March 23rd).

Ottawa feels that the per capita cost is rather high, but they are willing to submit it to treasury if we change our formula to read as follows: Instead of considering this to be a 90 pupil capacity school, let us consider it to be a 100 pupil capacity school. This will entitle us to 50 spaces instead of 45, thus lowering the per capita cost to an acceptable level. Even so, the per capita cost will still be high, but Ottawa feels that this can probably be justified by the fact that instructions at the grade nine and ten level will be available.

I have estimated your complete costs at \$137,300.00 making a per capita cost of \$1,373.00 on a 100 pupil basis. If your Board feels that the school can be completely finished in all aspects including furnishings, landscaping etc., for this amount, then you should advise me in writing. Upon receipt of your letter

Father R. Ferron

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March 27, 1961.

a submission will be made to treasury for approval of an expenditure up to 068,650.00 as our contribution to this project.

If your costs are less than 0137,300.00 our contribution will, of course, decrease accordingly.

It is my feeling that when the school commences operation we should balance the Indian and white enrolment as closely as possible. Even though we will own 50 spaces we do not have to fill them all the first year.

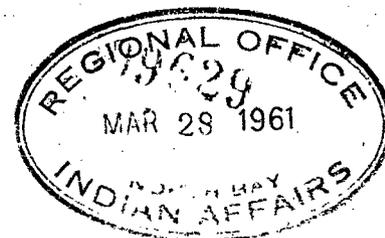
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F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

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c.c. Regional Office, North Bay (2) ✓  
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*F.M.*  
MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Regional Supervisor - Northern Ontario  
(Attention Mr. F.M. Shaw)

YOUR FILE No:  
129/25-11 (E)

FROM : Chief, Education Division

OUR FILE No:  
129/25-11 (E10)

SUBJECT: Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

DATE:  
March 22, 1961.

I refer to your letter of March 20 and the enclosures concerning the above proposal. I have no comments to make on the plan of the proposed school. It will have to meet the requirements of the Department of Education and presumably come within a reasonable cost.

With respect to our contribution to this school I would suggest that we give the school a capacity for 100 students, 50 of whom will be Indian and 50 non-Indian. This would bring the per capita contribution down to \$1,373, and since the school is to offer instruction in the high school as well as the elementary grades this figure should be acceptable to Treasury Board. Furthermore, it would seem from the information contained in the attached correspondence that the non-Indian school population will keep pace with the Indian enrolment. An arrangement such as this would place our contribution at an estimated \$68,650.

If this is satisfactory to the Board I am prepared to ask for agreement in principle on this basis.

*F. F. Davey*  
F. F. Davey

c.c. Mr. F.J. Foss



District School Superintendent, Port Arthur

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

129/25-11 (E)

Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

March 27, 1961

Please note copy of recent correspondence from  
Ottawa.

Although the enrolments indicated here are in  
excess of those shown on your joint school submission, it is  
my feeling that this fifty-fifty proposition should prove  
quite satisfactory.

May I have your comments.

  
F. Matters

Encl.

:JD

Chief, Education Division

Regional Supervisor, North Bay

129/25-11 (E)

Proposed Joint Agreement -  
Sioux Narrows

March 20, 1961.

Please note attached correspondence covering this project.

With respect to the plan I would recommend that the residence and classroom block be separate units.

For some years there has been dissatisfaction at this school. It is felt that that this project will be most acceptable and gradually increase.

The maximum number of students anticipated from Whitefish Bay is 28 and from Sabaskong is 15 making a total of 43. This number along with the 34 from the separate school would make too heavy a load for 2 classrooms but rather light for 3. However, with the projected increase it would appear that the 3 classrooms are required.



F. Matters.

encl.  
:JP

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Chief, Education Division

District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur

129/25-11

Proposed Joint School at Sioux Narrows

March 9, 1961

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Whitefish Bay I. D. S.

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Sabaskong - December 1960

Grades	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	
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Non-Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Chief, Education Division

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March 9, 1961.

My Submission is based on a three room school. If it turns out to be a two room school the Submission will be reduced from the purchase of forty-five spaces to thirty spaces.

If the joint school opens in September, 1961, we will send Indian students in as follows:

From --- Whitefish Bay I. D. S. -----minimum 15  
maximum 28

Sabaskong I. D. S. -----minimum 10  
maximum 15

The exact number of Indian students to be integrated is given as minimum and maximum figures for three reasons:

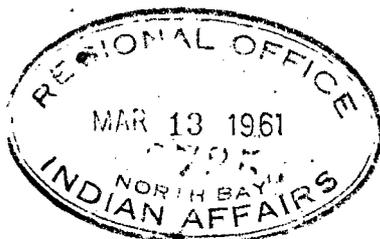
1. It is still undetermined whether this joint school will have two or three classrooms.
2. Some of the students involved are of school leaving age and a couple have already ceased attendance.
3. The Church is now apparently removing their stipulation that the students must be in grade six or above.

Students to remain in Whitefish Bay I.D.S. -----minimum 41  
maximum 54

Students to remain in Sabaskong - -----minimum 22  
maximum 27

Sabaskong I. D. S. has one classroom and Whitefish Bay I. D. S. has two classrooms and a temporary basement classroom which will be closed if integration occurs.

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Enc.



  
F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

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Father R. Ferron, Secretary,  
Sioux Narrows R. C. Separate School Board,  
Box 543,  
Kenora,  
Ontario.

Port Arthur, Ontario,  
March 9, 1961.

Dear Father Ferron:

Further to your letter of March 2nd and our telephone conversations of March 8th and 9th I will now outline my thinking in regard to the number of students apparently available to attend the proposed joint school to be constructed in Sioux Narrows.

You have sent me statements signed by the parents of our Whitefish Bay Indian Community indicating that 28 of their children will attend the proposed school. My experience indicates that 12 of these will not attend for any length of time due to age. Moreover the enrolment of treaty Indians in grades five to eight at our Whitefish Bay Indian School is only twenty, and perhaps not all the grade five pupils will pass. Previous to our most recent conversation it was my thinking that those failing their grade five would not be integrated due to your previous stipulation that they must be in grade six or above, but since you indicated during our telephone conversation that you are now prepared to go below the grade six level I feel less concerned about these numbers.

Father R. Ferron, Secretary

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March 9, 1961.

Taking a realistic view of the situation I must state that attendance at the proposed joint school appears most likely to include fifteen from Whitefish Bay Indian Day School and ten from Sabaskong I. D. S. making a total of twenty-five treaty Indians in attendance during the first year of integration. However, you will be now able to increase this by drawing from classes below the grade six level.

Whitefish Bay I. D. S.

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The table above indicates forty-six students in grades one to four at Whitefish Bay I. D. S. and twenty-four in grades one to four at Sabaskong I. D. S. These figures would indicate the need for later expansion of your proposed school if the non-Indian population of Sioux Narrows also shows an increase, but by your letter of January 14 you indicate thirty-four Roman Catholics in the public school, grades one to ten and twelve pre-school Roman Catholics between the ages of four and six years. To me this does not indicate much non-Indian growth potential, so it may be that the proposed school

Father R. Ferron, Secretary

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March 9, 1961.

will not require expansion in the foreseeable future. In short, Indian Affairs Branch would probably not be willing to contribute towards future expansion based on an increase of Indian students only as this would create a predominance of Indian students in the joint school. I am, of course, not the final authority on the question of what ratio of Indians to whites would be acceptable to this department.

It may be that we have different projections for the non-Indian population because you indicated in our telephone conversation today that there will be fifty-two white students to attend this school in three years. This figure would, of course, permit later joint expansion of the school.

Whether or not the school contains two classrooms or three is largely up to your Board and the Ontario Department of Education, but if my figures are correct it might be wise to start with two classrooms, a general purpose room and a teacherage. If your non-Indian projection is correct the three classroom plan would appear quite feasible.

In regard to your question about the calculation of this Department's grant toward the teacherage, I would say that it will most likely be calculated on the same basis as our grant toward construction of the classrooms and general purpose room. It is very unlikely to be on a more generous basis and it is possible that this Department may object to such extensive accommodations for three teaching Sisters and their domestic staff.

My Submission is going forward to Ottawa today. It is based on the purchase

Mr. R. Ferron, Secretary

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March 9, 1961.

of forty-five pupil spaces i.e. twenty-five or thirty for immediate use and fifteen for the future increase in Indian students. If your school plans are reduced to two classrooms, I will have to recommend reduction of our contribution to thirty pupil spaces.

Yours truly,



F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

FJF/njc

c.c. Regional Supervisor,  
North Bay, Ontario.

Chief, Education Division,  
Ottawa, Ontario.

Mr. F. Leonard,  
Inspector, Separate Schools,  
Department of Education,  
News-Chronicle Building,  
Port Arthur, Ontario.



CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF  
CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

JOINT SCHOOL SUBMISSION

One copy of this form, completed by the school inspector, is to accompany the firm figures on the contribution of the department to a new joint school.

1. The full official title of the contracting party:

Sioux Narrows Separate School Board

2. The name of the proposed school:

Sioux Narrows Separate School

3. Have the Band Council and/or the parents expressed

themselves in favour of the joint school? Yes X No    

4. NEW CONSTRUCTION

Entirely new building: Yes X No    

Addition to existing building: Yes     No    

Number of Classrooms: 3 Gymnasium: 1

Home Economics rooms: 0 Industrial Arts room: 0

Library: 0 Laboratory: 0

Teachers' quarters provided: Yes X No    

For how many Teachers? 3 Plus accommodation for possible later additions to staff.

5. ESTIMATED COST OF NEW CONSTRUCTION

Contracted cost of construction	\$ <u>120,000.00</u>
Site and landscaping cost	<u>600.00</u> plus \$900.00 for landscaping
Architect's fee	<u>7,200.00</u>
School equipment and furnishings including teacherage	<u>3,600.00</u> plus \$5,000.00
Total cost	\$ <u>137,300.00</u>

6. THE JOINT SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Number of non-Indian pupils 34

Number of Indian pupils 45 (about 30 now and 15 later)

Band Whitefish and Assabasha Religion R.C.

Name of school presently attending:

Whitefish Bay I.D.S. and Sabaskong I.D.S.

Grades in which Indian pupils will receive instruction  
at the joint school six to ten

Give residential status of Indian children living outside  
a reserve N A

7. Total amount of the contribution of the Department  
to the cost of the new school. \$ 70,000.00 maximum  
Approximate per capita cost of  
new construction \$ 1,556.00
8. Date construction to begin in the spring of 1961.
9. Has construction of new school the approval of  
the Provincial Government? Yes X No     N.A.
10. If this joint school represents an expansion of a  
joint school already in existence give date of agreement,  
cost of school, contribution of Canadian Government and  
number of Indian and non-Indian pupils involved:
- (a) Date of Agreement N A Total cost \$             
Federal Contribution \$             
Indian pupils            Non-Indian pupils
- (b) Date of Agreement            Total cost \$             
Federal Contribution \$             
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- (c) Date of Agreement            Total cost \$             
Federal Contribution \$             
Indian pupils            Non-Indian pupils

11. If Indian pupils are to be transferred from an Indian day  
school complete this section:

Construction date of day school 1949

Number of classrooms to be evacuated one basement room at Whitefish Bay

Number of classrooms to continue in operation two at Whitefish Bay & 1 at Siskiwitong

The teaching staff will be reduced by one teachers.

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12. Distance of joint school from the centre of the Indian school population five miles. If school transportation is necessary give the approximate length of the school bus route:

Five miles from Whitefish Bay School and twenty-four miles from Sabaskong School,

\_\_\_\_\_ miles. Five miles one way and twenty-four another

13. Will the joint accommodation provided by the joint school meet the needs of the age group to attend this school for the next five years?

Yes  No

If the answer is NO comment briefly on anticipated expansion:

If the Non-Indian population increases expansion will be mandatory.  
There will certainly be enough Indian students to justify expansion,  
but unless the Non-Indian population increases, expansion would not  
be reasonable because it would create a preponderance of Indians in  
a joint school.

Children will be drawn from grades 6, 7 and 8 and possibly some good students from lower grades permitting our Whitefish Bay School to close its basement room and eliminating the necessity of opening a basement room in our Sabaskong School.

OTTAWA, You might wish to recommend a reduction of the teacherage as shown February, 1959.  
on the attached plan.

  
F. J. Foss,  
March 9, 1961.

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District School Superintendent

129/25-11

Superintendent Kenora Agency

129/25-11

Proposed Joint School, Sioux Narrows

March 9th.  
1961.

I have for reply your letter of March 7th., 1961, concerning the integration of the Whitefish Bay Day School pupils with the proposed joint school at Sioux Narrows.

It would be impossible to obtain a Band Resolution at this time as the majority of the people are away on their trap lines.

I believe the procedure should be to obtain signed statements from the parents requesting their child (or children) be admitted to the joint school. The time to obtain these statements would be during Treaty Payments when both the father and the mother would be present.

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*E. Law*  
Eric Law



Copy for Mr. Shaw

MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Mr. F.J. Foss, District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur, Ont.

YOUR FILE No:

FROM : Chief, Education Division

OUR FILE No:  
129/25-11 (E10)

SUBJECT: Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

DATE:  
March 7, 1961.

I refer to your telex received today concerning a contribution toward the cost of construction of the above school and teachers' quarters.

The only correspondence that can be found on our files concerning this project is a copy of your letter of January 26 addressed to Father R. Ferron, which appears to refer to the Sioux Narrows School although it does not mention it specifically.

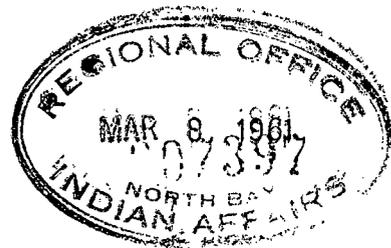
If you intend to recommend a contribution to a joint school at Sioux Narrows in the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1961, would you please forward the necessary data on the joint school form as soon as possible.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY  
L. G. P. WALLER

R. F. Davey.

c.c. Mr. F.M. Shaw

LGPT/bp



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KENORA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

P.O. Box 270, KENORA

Ontario, Canada

February 14, 1961

Mr. S. J. Foss, District School Supervisor,  
Indian Affairs Branch,  
Room 211, Post Office Building,  
Port Arthur, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Foss -

At its regular meeting last night, this Board discussed the possibility of having Indian children enrol in our schools. We are presently having plans prepared for a new six room School in the new Pinecrest sub-division. This school includes a playroom in its facilities and is so planned that three additional classrooms can be added at a later date. (The Pinecrest subdivision is in the north east section of Kenora, just east of the Old Folks Home.)

It is anticipated that the school will be completed by January 1, 1962 at the latest and that we will use four classrooms to begin with. The Board is therefore desirous of knowing if the Indian Affairs Branch would be interested in discussing allocation of room space with a view to enrolling children from the Cecilia Jeffrey School.

Sincerely,

(Sgd.) A. Friesen

A. Friesen,  
Business Administrator.

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7/1/61  
c. c. North Bay ✓  
Ottawa

129/25-11

Father R. Ferron,  
Secretary, Separate School Board,  
Box 543,  
KENORA, Ontario.

January 26, 1961.

Dear Father Ferron:

This office is in receipt of your welcome letter of  
January 24th.

In regard to your comments about the construction of a  
teacherage, please be advised that Mr. L. Waller, of Ottawa, has informed  
me verbally that the Department will be able to make a contribution to  
such a teacherage provided it is not your intention to charge rent for  
such accommodations. You will recall that we discussed this at our  
last meeting and this will confirm statements made at that time. It is  
realized that construction of a teacherage will increase the per capita  
cost of space purchased by this department.

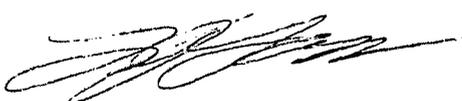
In regard to your comments on the number of spaces to be  
purchased, I would point out that we generally make a five year pro-  
jection of space required and purchase accordingly. Details of this will  
be worked out at our next meeting which I hope will be next month.

In regard to the integration agreement forms which the  
Indian parents are signing, please forward them to this office.

You mention that you might come to Port Arthur to see me.  
This would be very satisfactory but it would be wise to 'phone first as  
I am frequently out of town.

Yours truly,



  
F. J. FOSS,  
District School Superintendent,  
Port Arthur.

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District School Superintendent, Port Arthur

129/25-11

Regional Supervisor of Indian Agencies,

129/25-11 (E)

Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

Jan. 25, 1961.

I was pleased to note from your letter of January 19, that there is promising indication a joint school agreement will be arranged.

Clothing for needy cases can be provided in the normal manner through welfare. The agency superintendent, Mr. Law, will be in position to judge regarding the families who should receive assistance. Assistance could also be made available for any needy cases requiring noon lunches. If necessary this could be made available through relief provision.

In accordance with Ottawa Circular B, 451 a Joint School Submission form should be completed and forwarded to Branch Headquarters at this stage of your negotiations.

  
pw F. Hatters.

c.c. Mr. Law  
:JP

MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Regional Supervisor, North Bay, Ont.

YOUR FILE No:

FROM : District School Superintendent, Port Arthur, Ont.

OUR FILE No: 129/25-11

SUBJECT: Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

DATE: Jan. 19/61

It is now beginning to appear that this project will become a reality in the Spring of 1961, and I therefore request to be advised concerning the anticipated availability of funds.

The building plans are not at all settled as yet nor is the number of children to be integrated, so our expenditure could be about \$50,000.00.



F. J. Foss,

District School Superintendent.

FJF:vm



MEMORANDUM • GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TO : Regional Supervisor, North Bay, Ont.

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SUBJECT: Proposed Joint School - Sioux Narrows

DATE: Jan. 19, 1961.

Father Ferron has been doing the public relations work among the Indians in connection with the above project and he advises me that the three greatest concerns are:

1. That their schools on the Reserves continue to operate for some of the children.
2. That the children will not have proper clothing to wear to an integrated school due to the lack of adequate income at Sabaskon and Whitefish Bay during the winter months.
3. That they will not be able to provide adequate lunches for the same reason.

May this office please be advised concerning the Band Funds of these groups as in some cases lunches have been provided through Band Fund expenditures.

I would also like to know whether the Department would be inclined to encourage the Indian Superintendents concerning increased clothing assistance if the project indicates such a necessity.

FJF:vm

  
F. J. Foss,  
District School Superintendent.



129/21-11

FATHER R. FERRON,  
Secretary, Separate School Board,  
Box 543,  
KENORA, Ontario.

January 20, 1961

Dear Father Ferron:

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January 20, 1961

(4) The special English classes you mention are actually an internal academic matter to be solved by the teaching staff of the proposed school. Your future average attendance would most likely not be high enough to obtain a provincial grant towards the salary of such an additional staff member.

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It should be understood that space will be purchased only for students who have not already ceased to attend school.

Wishing you the best of luck with this project, I remain

Yours sincerely,

*F. J. Foss*  
F. J. FOSS  
District School Superintendent  
Port Arthur

FJF:eh  
c.c. to Superintendent E. Law, Kenora,  
Superintendent Cooper, Fort Frances,  
Mr. P. Matters, North Bay (2)



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Wishing you the best of luck with this project, I remain

Yours sincerely,



*for*  
F. J. FOSS  
District School Superintendent  
Port Arthur

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c.c. to Superintendent E. Law, Kenora,  
Superintendent Cooper, Fort Frances, ✓  
Mr. F. Matters, North Bay (2)



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DEPARTMENT OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

**20 JAN 21 23090**

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REMITTANCE

KENORA AGENCY - Father Moss Joint School

REFERENCE				DISPOSAL			
REFERRED To	By	REMARKS	DATE 1962	PA OR BF	By	Date	FOR C.R. Use
ER	AM	73931 (BF)	21-2	PA	ER	Feb 21	AM
ER	JB	75366	22-3	PA	ER	Nov 22	JB
ER	AM	74045 (BF)	2-4	PA	ER	2-4	JB
ER	ER	4477	27-5	PA	ER	27-5	AM
ER	JB	7332	3-7	PA	ER	5/7	JB
ER	JB	8031	12-7	PA	ER	12/7	JB
ER	JB	10820	14-8	BF	ER	24/8	CP
ER	CP	10820 (BF)	28-8	BF	ER	17/10	CP
ER	ER	13472	25-9	PA	ER	7/9	CP
<del>ER</del>	<del>AM</del>	<del>15832</del>	<del>15-10</del>	<del>PA</del>	<del>ER</del>	<del>7/11</del>	<del>CP</del>
ER	AM	15832	15-10	PA	ER	14/10	CP
ER	CP	10820 (BF)	17-10	PA	ER	6/11	CP
ER	my	16534	24-10	PA	ER	6/11	CP
ER		17943	4/11	PA	ER	6/11	CP
ER	my	18072	7-11	PA	ER	7/11	CP
ER	JB	18687	15-11	PA	ER	19-11	CP
ER	JB	19749	28-11	PA	ER	24/11	JB
ER	JB	20959	11-12	BF	ER	7/12	CP
ER	JB	21498	18-12	PA	ER	25/12	CP
ER	CP	20959 (BF)	19-12	PA	ER	20/12	CP
ER	my	22126 - to 8/25-16	27-12	PA	ER	Dec 30	CP
ER	CP	23157	14-1	BF	ER	26/12	CP
ER	CP	24607	30-1	PA	ER	31-1	JB
ER	CP	25808	14-2	PA	ER	14/2	JB
ER	TJ	23157 (BF)	26-2	PA	ER	26-2	CP
ER	CP	27589	9-3				
ER	JB	27701	10-3				

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E	A1	32972	8-11	PA	E	16-11	U.N.
E	A1	35705	4-12	PA	E	5/12	U.N.
E	mgt	37998 (B.F.)	10-1	PA	E	10/1-16 2	U.S.Z.
<del>E</del>	<del>mgt</del>	<del>472-28 (B.F.)</del>	<del>7-5</del>	<del>B.F.</del>	<del>E</del>	<del>30/5</del>	<del>mgt.</del>
E	E2	49263	30-4	PA	E	30-4	U.N.
E	E2	50853	16-5	PA	E	17-5	U.N.
E	E2	52832; 52833	31-5	PA	E	31-5	U.N.
E2	mgt	55516	28-6	PA	E	29/6	U.N.
E2	HB	59012	13-8	PA	E2	13-8	gl.
E2	gl	61685	18-9	PA	E2	Sept. 18	gl.
E	E2	62431	28-9	PA	E	4/10	gl.
E	E2	62674	2-10	PA	E	10/10	gl.
E2	gl	62934	3-10	PA	E2	3-10	gl.
E	E2	62758	3-10	PA	E	4-10	gl.
E2	gl	63083	5-10	PA	E	10/10	gl.
E2	gl	65862	7-11	PA	E2	7-11	gl.
E2	gl	65893	7-11	PA	E2	7-11	gl.
E2	gl	66195	13-11	PA	E	14-11	gl.
A	A.W.	64154 (B.F.)	16-11	PA	R.S.	Nov. 21	gl.
R.I	CR.	66970	Nov. 21	PA	R.S.	Nov. 21	gl.
R.I	CR.	67173	Nov. 23	B.F.	R.S.	Nov. 29	U.N.
R.S.	CR.	67303	26-11	PA	R.S.	Dec. 3	HB.
CR.	CR.	73431	4-3	B.F.	CR.	21-3-63	CRW
CR.	CR.	74045	4-3	B.F.	ER	20/3	CRW
CR	CR.	74075	4-3	PA	CR	4/3	r. vgl.
ER	CRW	74252	7-3	PA	ER	7/3	mgt
ER	CRW	74045 (B.F.)	20-3	B.F.	CR.	2-4-63	CRW

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