



Indian and Northern Affairs
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100 - 4th Avenue South,
Kenora, Ontario,
July 21, 1975.

Mr. J. G. McMillan,
Business Administrator
and Secretary Treasurer,
The Kenora District R.C.
Separate School Board,
200 First Street North,
Kenora, Ontario P9N 2K4.

Your file: Votre référence

Our file: Notre référence 487/25-11 (E1)

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Yours truly,

Erik Weigeldt,
District Supt.
of Education,
Kenora District.

c.c. Assistant Regional Director,
(Education), Ontario.



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DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT
 INDIAN AFFAIRS BRANCH
 BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Chronological No. 20
H.Q. Reference 487/25-11 R.C.:S.S.BD

NOTE: The words "From our Band Funds" must appear in all resolutions requesting expenditures from Band Funds.

COUNCIL OF THE	Whitefish Bay	BAND	FOR HEADQUARTERS USE ONLY	
AGENCY	Kenora			
PROVINCE	Ontario			
PLACE	Whitefish Bay Reserve			
DATE	21 July	AD 19	75	
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DO HEREBY RESOLVE:

That instead of portable classroom addition to Father Moss School to house grade 9 students and that the Department of Indian Affairs & Northern Development construct a temporary classroom on Whitefish Bay Reserve on water and sewage lines to serve as a temporary kindergarten classroom.

Further, that the Kenora Roman Catholic Separate School operate this classroom:

- (a) By employing a qualified teacher.
- (b) That the teacher be supervised by the principal and other delegated representatives of the Board as required.
- (c) That the Department of Indian Affairs & Northern Development continue to pay tuition to the Board on behalf of Indian Students in accordance with established procedures.

Furthermore, the parents concerned have expressed their wishes that the Kindergarten classroom be operated in the temporary facilities provided within the Community.

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Date _____ Authorized Officer _____			Date _____ Assistant Deputy Minister, Indian Affairs		

FATHER MOSS COMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 16, 1977 - SIOUX NARROWS

PRESENT: Mrs. E. Kidd, Mr. V. Clancy, Mr. L. Hakenson, Mr. A. Kast,
Mr. D. K. Hay, Mr. W. O'Neill

On June 16th, the Father Moss Committee met in the Sioux Narrows Community Building to discuss the proposal by The Kenora District R.C.S.S. Board to purchase the Father Moss School.

Enrolment projections indicate a slight reduction in enrolment from 80 in 1978 to 74 in 1980. The suggested facility need for this enrolment would be one Kindergarten room (part-time), three classrooms, a resource area and a general purpose room. The Father Moss facility has five classrooms, a resource area and a gym. The present facility has two classrooms plus a Kindergarten classroom in the basement, and a resource area converted from a cloak room. The need for an improved educational facility then is evident, and the acquisition of Father Moss would more than fulfill this need.

We are presently transporting all grade 7 and 8's and secondary students with one bus filled to capacity. Should there be an increase in enrolment, there is a strong possibility of having to add a second bus. The acquisition of Father Moss would allow the grade 7's and possibly grade 8's to remain in Sioux Narrows, thus reducing the possibility of a second bus. With the pressure to use coaches rather than school buses, this could erase a substantial increase in transportation costs, should a second bus become necessary.

Although the committee agreed that an improved educational facility would be desirable, the concerns of the committee were:

- (1) That the Father Moss School was larger than our expected needs.
- (2) That maintenance costs would triple.
- (3) That the age of the facility would add extra costs that a new school would not require.
- (4) That the location of buildings on and off the site and the water and sewage joint usage would be less than a desirable situation.
- (5) That if there were an exchange of sites the possibility of the Separate School Board re-entering the education field in Sioux Narrows would mean that any loss of students from Father Moss would substantially increase the costs in operating the school.
- (6) That the ideal situation would be to apply for capital grants to build a new school on the present site.

Father Moss Committee Meeting, June 16, 1977 (cont'd)

The Committee therefore recommended that the following steps be taken:

- A. A counter offer be made to the Kenora District R.C.S.S. Board proposing the following:
 1. The Kenora Board of Education will accept the Father Moss School and site at no cost.
 2. The Kenora Board of Education will pay \$20,000 for the duplex.
 3. The Kenora Board of Education will retain our existing site and buildings.
 4. That an industrial arts building be removed from site.

In addition, the following conditions to be met:

- (a) All agreements with Department of Indian Affairs be terminated.
 - (b) All debenture issues on Father Moss be resolved.
 - (c) Appropriate easements on surrounding lands be drawn up.
 - (d) Confirmation ^{from} that the Department of the Environment will approve the sewage treatment plant and water supply system.
 - (e) Any existing agreements re water and sewage treatment be terminated.
 - (f) The Separate School Board to agree that no school be operated in Sioux Narrows as long as there is sufficient pupil spaces available in Father Moss.
- B. The committee also recommends that The Kenora Board of Education include in its capital grants forecast the replacement of our Sioux Narrows School.

It is the feeling of the committee that although there is a need for improved educational facilities in Sioux Narrows, the acquisition of Father Moss School under the aforementioned conditions would create a less desirable condition than the replacement of our present facility.

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MR. C. L. POIRIER, CHAIRMAN
MRS. D. READ, CURRICULUM COORDINATOR
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SECRETARY-TREASURER

THE KENORA DISTRICT R.C.
SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD

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Whitefish Bay Band Council,
Pawitik, Ontario.
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Att: Mr. A. White, Chief

Re: Father Moss School

Dear Sirs:

At a meeting held on September 24th, 1975, The Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board approved the following resolution:

That The Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board accept the long-term objective of the Whitefish Bay and Northwest Angle Bands as stated in their brief of July 9, 1975, which reads as follows: "To take complete control of the Education of our Children and establish all necessary school facilities at Whitefish Bay Reserve."

Our Board assured the Indian people, at that time, that we would co-operate with them in helping them to accomplish their objective.

In keeping with our commitment to the Indian people, our Board has put forward a great deal of effort in trying to come to an agreement with the Department of Indian Affairs, the Ministry of Education of Ontario, and the Kenora Board of Education, with regard to the future use of Father Moss School. We have been and still are working towards a deadline date of September 1st, 1978, after which time Father Moss School should be operated by the Kenora Board of Education as a public school for the Improvement District of Sioux Narrows.

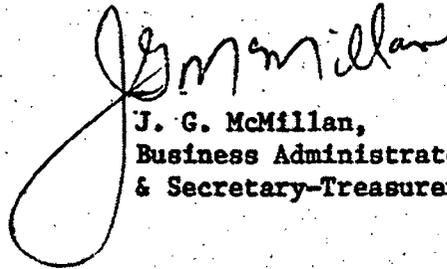
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Your Band Council should, therefore, plan to have school facilities ready for use on September 1st, 1978.

Yours truly,



J. G. McMillan,
Business Administrator
& Secretary-Treasurer.

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c.c. Mr. Erik Weigeldt



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June 15, 1977

Erik Weigeldt

Your file / Votre référence

Our file / Notre référence 487/25-11-576

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Father Moss Joint School Agreement

I acknowledge receipt of your telex of June 13 and your letter of June 7, relative to the Father Moss Joint School project.

As you are aware we are in the process of preparing a submission to Treasury Board requesting program approval to construct a ten (10) classroom school and teacherage at the Whitefish Bay Reserve. The information you have provided us was very helpful.

We will keep your Regional Office apprised of all future developments on this subject.

P.E. Bisson,
A/Director,
Education - Operations.

Asst. Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

Kenora, June 13, 1977

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Father Moss School
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- Please receive enclosed, for your information, copy of the telex I sent to HQ on request of Mr. G.A. Mullin.
- Also enclosed is the article in the Kenora Miner & News of June 8, 1977.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
ERIK WEIGELDT

Erik Weigeldt
District Supt. of Education
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RE KENORA BD OF EDUC ON FATHER MOSS SCHOOL (487/25-11-576)

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Mr. Paul Bisson
Acting/Director Education Operations
Ottawa

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Assistant Regional Director
Education
Ontario Region

Joint School Agreement - Father Moss School

Further to my memos of May 25 and May 30, 1977 please receive enclosed copies of correspondence between the two Kenora District School Boards.

This correspondence provides information about the state of the negotiations between the two Boards and may be useful in support of the submissions to the Minister and Treasury Board.

Encl.

Erik Weigeldt
District Supt. of Education
Kenora District

cc G.A. Mullin
Regional Supt. of Education
Ontario Region

May 30, 1977

Mr. Paul Bisson
Acting Director Education Operations
Ottawa

487/29-11-576 (E)

Dr. Walter Currie
Assistant Regional Director
Education
Ontario Region

Joint School Agreement No. 576 -- Father Moss School

Further to my letter of May 25, 1976 please be advised that the Kenora Board of Education is awaiting from the Ministry of Education changed regulations concerning the sale or purchase of property by school boards.

It is anticipated that these changed regulations will facilitate the planned transfer of Father Moss School to the Kenora Board of Education. On the other hand, the Board prefers not to make any final decisions until the regulations have been officially announced.


Erik Weigelt
District Supt. of Education
Kenora District

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100 - 4th Avenue South
Kenora, Ontario
May 25, 1977

Mr. Paul Bisson
Acting Director Education Operations
Ottawa

Your file Votre référence 487/25-11-576

Our file Notre référence 487/6-1-406 (E)

Dr. Walter Currie
Assistant Regional Director
Education
Ontario Region

Federal School Construction - Whitefish Bay Reserve, Joint School Agreement
No. 576, Father Moss School

I make reference to our telephone conversations on May 19 and 24, 1977 concerning Treasury Board approval for the construction of the new Whitefish Bay School.

On May 19, 1975 the Assistant Deputy Minister Mr. Cam Mackie made the commitment to the Whitefish Bay and Northwest Angle Bands that the new school will be built on the Whitefish Bay Reserve with or without the cooperation or participation of the Provincial School Boards and the Ontario Ministry of Education, target date for completion to be September 1978.

The Ministry of Education just recently has made a Capital Allocation of up to \$90,000.00 to the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board specifically for the purpose of repaying the Federal Government upon termination of Joint School Agreement No. 576. However, final approval for the payment of this amount is conditional on an agreement between the Separate School Board and the Kenora Board of Education, for that Board to purchase that portion of the Father Moss School Establishment which was not originally paid for by the Federal Government.

Although both Boards are negotiating, it is difficult to foresee when agreement finally will be reached. On the other hand, one year has passed since the commitment for the construction of a new school had been made. The Bands, the Kenora District, the Ontario Regional Office (Education, and Engineering and Architecture) have done all the preparatory work necessary for the submission to Treasury Board.

May 25, 1977

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It is now absolutely necessary to obtain approvals for the termination of Joint School Agreement No. 576 and the construction of the new Whitefish Bay School, whether the Provincial School Boards reach agreement or not. It must be taken into consideration that the ADM's commitment was based on the very real and urgent need of new and additional school facilities for over 200 children of these reserves. This need had been established four years ago and still exists.

To date the pupils are still receiving education in only five regular classrooms and four substandard, makeshift classrooms, and in makeshift home-ec and shop facilities, some located on the reserve, others at Father Moss School.

You assured me that approvals for the termination of the Joint School Agreement and the construction of the new Whitefish Bay School will be requested immediately. This is what the Bands expect. Your utmost efforts to secure these approvals without further delay will be very much appreciated by the Band Councils and the Kenora District office.



Erik Weigelt
District Supt of Education
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ATTN MR PAUL BISSON DIRECTOR EDUCATION ONPERATIOIS

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Your file Votre référence

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District Manager
Kenora District

Father Moss School

Please find attached a copy each of letter from the A/Director of Education, Operations - Ottawa, and from the Director of Legal Services - Ottawa, referring to the proposed agreement and the comments made by D.K. Hay, Director of Education, Kenora Board of Education. These are being forwarded for your information.

G.A. Mullin
Regional Superintendent of Elementary
and Secondary Education
Ontario Region

Attachs.

*informed
Mr. Ken Hay
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Regional Director General
Toronto, Ontario

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Father Moss School

Attached hereto is a copy of a letter dated January 25, 1977 from our Legal Counsel in response to the suggestions offered by D. K. Hay, Director of Education, Kenora Board of Education relative to the proposed agreement between the Department of Indian Affairs, the Kenora Board of Education, and the Kenora District Roman Catholic Separate School Board involving the above-noted school.

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Based on a life expectancy of 25 years, it is generally accepted that the annual rate of depreciation is four (4) per cent. Therefore, after four years our depreciated contribution towards the provision of a sewage system at Father Moss School would be \$86,820 which is in agreement with Mr. Hay's calculation.

P. E. Bisson,
A/Director,
Education-Operations.

Attachment



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January 25, 1977

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Mr. P.E. Bisson,
A/Director,
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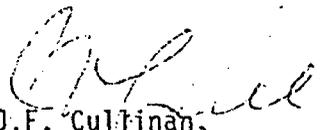
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J.F. Cullinan,
(for) Director, Legal Services.

Kenora, January 5, 1977

Mr. G.A. Mullin
A/Assistant Regional Director
Education, Ontario

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Kenora Board of Educ.
c.r. 487/25-11-576

Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows

Draft copy of the tripartite agreement for the termination of the Joint School Agreement concerning Father Moss School prepared by the Ministry of Education and revised by our Headquarters has been submitted to both the Kenora Separate and Public School Boards as per attached memos December 21, 1976.

Mr. Ken Hay, Director of Education for the Public Board, has proposed some changes to the draft as per attached letter of December 29, 1976.

In my opinion these changes are acceptable and I agree that they are consistent with the earlier discussions. Specifically, there was never any question that the amount repayable to the Federal Government would be \$103,357.71, less depreciation of four percent per year commencing September 1, 1974. Please advise me whether the depreciation should be calculated at four percent yearly on the decreased balance in which case the amount would be approximately \$87,790, or a straight 10% for four years which will result in a depreciated amount of about \$86,820.

Both Boards have made a submission to the Thunder Bay Regional Office of the Ministry of Education concerning provincial grants to make this transfer of Father Moss School possible. The Ministry's reply is expected within two weeks from today.


Erik Weigelt
District Supt. of Education
Kenora District

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c.c. Mr. Paul Bisson
A/Director, Education Operations, Ottawa

Chief Andy White
Whitefish Bay Band

100 - 4th Avenue S.
Kenora, Ontario
December 21, 1976

Mr. C.L. Poirier
Chairman
The Kenora District R.C.
Separate School Board
200 - 1st St. North
Kenora, Ontario

487/25-11-576 (E)
Kenora Bd. of Educ.

Dear Mr. Poirier:

Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows

Thank you for giving me the opportunity on December 15 to present to you and your Board Members my concerns about the termination of the Father Moss Joint School Agreements.

As mentioned, the Ministry of Education, in their Toronto office, prepared a draft copy of a tripartite agreement to that effect. This draft copy has been reviewed and revised by the Legal Counsel of the Department and is enclosed for the consideration by your Board.

May I emphasize that agreement to terminate the existing Joint School Agreements and agreement to repay the unamortized portion of the Department's investment in the sewage treatment plant at Father Moss School have to be reached before Treasury Board will give approval for capital funds for the construction of the new school on the Whitefish Bay Reserve. In order to have this new school operational by September 1, 1978, it will be necessary to obtain Treasury Board approval before April 1, 1977. Therefore, it is most urgent that both Boards reach agreement in the near future and sign the proposed tripartite agreement. Please advise me as soon as possible of any changes you wish to make in the enclosed draft copy, in order to give the other parties time to review them.

Yours very truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
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Kenora District

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December 14, 1976

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District Manager
Kenora District

Attn: District Superintendent of Education

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Father Moss School

This will refer to our telephone conversation of this date and to the draft copy of the Ministry of Education agreement prepared in their Toronto office and forwarded to their field offices for consideration. As I indicated, this draft copy was sent to Ottawa for their review and the attached revised draft document has been returned from Ottawa after consultation with our Legal Counsel.

The attached document eliminates the necessity for two additional agreements, i.e. (1) an agreement between the Minister and the Separate School Board and (2) an agreement between the Minister and the Board of Education. It also provides for the latter to make payment in full at any time.

Again, as we discussed, this document will provide an opportunity for you to raise the urgency to have the payment to the department finalized at an early date. We suggest that this draft be presented to the parties involved with the view to reaching consensus on an agreement. Any significant change to the proposed agreement will necessarily be referred to our counsel in Ottawa.

G.A. Mullin
A/Assistant Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

Attach.

487/25-11

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made in triplicate this 15th day of October, 1976.

BETWEEN:

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

OF THE FIRST PART

AND

The Kenora District Roman Catholic Separate School Board, in the Province of Ontario, hereinafter called "the Separate School Board"

OF THE SECOND PART

AND

The Kenora Board of Education, in the Province of Ontario, hereinafter called "The Board of Education"

OF THE THIRD PART

WHEREAS the Minister under several agreements with the Separate School Board, has the right to use certain pupil spaces in the Father Moss School operated by the Separate School Board at Sioux Narrows, Ontario and has an interest in the school site because of the school and improvements thereto contributed to by the Minister as a result of such Agreements; and

WHEREAS the Whitefish Bay and Northwest Angle Bands have requested from the Minister the construction of a ten (10) classroom school in the Whitefish Reserve with a completion date of September 1, 1978 to accommodate the students presently attending Father Moss School; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education has a requirement for the education facilities and wishes to acquire the use of Father Moss School for public school purposes as of September 1, 1978.

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The Minister and the Separate School Board agree that as of August 31, 1978 their respective rights and obligations under their several agreements to provide pupil spaces for Indian pupils in Father Moss School shall be terminated. Moreover, the Minister agrees that the Separate School Board may lease the said School, as of September 1, 1978, and, in consideration of the payment of monies provided for in paragraph 3 hereunder, the Minister waives any claim he may have for reimbursement for his contributions to improvements of the said School under the several Agreements with the Separate School Board.

2. The Separate School Board and the Board of Education agree that in consideration of the payment of monies provided for in Paragraph 3 hereunder, the Separate School Board will enter into an agreement to lease Father Moss School to the Board of Education for a term of 10 years commencing September 1, 1978 at an annual rental of \$1.00 payable in advance and upon such other terms and conditions as shall be set out in the agreement for lease.
3. The Board of Education, in consideration of the premises set out in Paragraphs 1 and 2 above, agree to pay to the Minister the sum of \$100,000 payable in 10 equal and consecutive annual instalments of \$10,000 each commencing September 1, 1978, provided also that, when not in default in the payments provided for as above the Board of Education may pay the full balance owing under this paragraph at anytime.
4. The Minister agrees to forthwith advise the Indian Bands affected by this agreement of the effect and purpose of this agreement and to provide, effective the 1st day of September, 1978, adequate accommodation and instruction for the Indian pupils who cease to have a right to attend Father Moss school pursuant to the Agreement.

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A copy of this Agreement shall, upon execution thereof by the Parties, be delivered by the Separate School Board to the Minister of Education of Ontario.

- 6. The Separate School Board and The Board of Education agree to pass all resolutions necessary for the implementation of this agreement and to provide copies thereof to one another and to the Minister.

IN WITNESSES WHEREOF the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals on the dates shown hereunder.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED)
in the presence of)

this day of 1976.

Minister of Indian Affairs
and Northern Development

this day of 1976.

The Kenora District Roman
Catholic Separate School Board

this day of 1976.

The Kenora Board of Education

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I have read the above Agreement and understand its terms and conditions.

On behalf of the Indian people concerned with this school program, I concur with the arrangements of this Agreement.

Date

Signature
Whitefish Bay Band 32A

Date

Signature
Northwest Angle Band 33

Date

Signature
Northwest Angle Band 37

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Kenora, September 21, 1976

Mr. P. Bisson
Education Operations
Indian & Northern Affairs, OTTAWA

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Mr. G.A. Mullin
A/Assist. Regional Director, Education
ONTARIO REGION

Federal School Construction - Whitefish Bay Reserve
Joint School Agreement No. 576, Father Moss School

— Please receive attached two sets of notes which I prepared in Ottawa after discussing with Mr. Bisson the project of a new Federal School at Whitefish Bay (Pawitik) and the termination of Joint School Agreement No. 576.

I hope that these notes and the attached copies of correspondence and documents will provide the information required to obtain approval both for the termination of the Joint School Agreement and construction of the new Federal School.

As soon as the two Kenora Boards have made further decisions on the future use of Father Moss School I will inform you.

Erik Weigaldt
District Supt. of Education
Kenora District

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*Exhibits ①-⑩
on open file E. Weigaldt*

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School Facilities for Grades K-10,
Whitefish Bay Band No. 32A and
Northwest Angle Bands No. 33 and No. 37

During the school year 1976/77 pupils from the above reserves attend classes at these locations:

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Enrolment</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Distance Bussed</u>
K5	23	Federal Whitefish	1-2 miles
1-9	214	Father Moss, Sioux Narrows	11 miles
10-12		Kenora, Dryden, Ft. Frances	Boarding

The Kenora Board of Education (Public) operates two classrooms in Sioux Narrows which are very old and require replacement. About 30-40 pupils in senior elementary grades are bussed daily to Kenora (45 miles).

Discussions concerning the future use of Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows (Operated by the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board) and the request by the Bands to establish a K-10 Federal School on the Whitefish Bay Reserve have involved

The Indian Reserve Community,
The (non-Indian) Community of Sioux Narrows,
The Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board,
The Kenora Board of Education (Public),
The Ministry of Education (Ontario),
The D.I.A.N.D., both at District and Regional levels.

Representatives of these reached agreement in principle that:

- (1) The wishes of both communities, Whitefish Bay and Sioux Narrows, should be met by discontinuing bussing and accommodating pupils within their communities.
- (2) The Kenora Separate School Board and the Kenora Board of Education (Public) come to an arrangement which will allow the Kenora Public Board to accommodate their elementary pupils in the Father Moss School Building.

- (3) Both provincial School Boards negotiate with the Ministry of Education (Ontario) and D.I.A.N.D. a settlement of the current joint school agreement with the purpose of termination and repayment of the unamortized portion of the Federal Government, which will allow the construction of a new federal school on the reserve. to
- (4) The Ministry of Education has agreed that rental revenue received by the Kenora Separate Board from the Kenora Public Board and used to repay the Federal Government in compliance with the termination clause of Joint School Agreement No. 576 will not result in reduced provincial grants to the Kenora Separate Board (exhibit 9).
- (5) During a meeting with the Bands at Father Moss School on May 19, 1976, Mr. Csm Mackie, A.D.M. made a definite commitment that a new federal school will be built on the Whitefish Bay Reserve and asked the Bands and D.I.A.N.D. staff to get to work in order to have the new school operational by September 1978.

Summary of reasons why education for Grades K-10 should be provided on the Whitefish Bay Reserve.

- a) Attempts to improve achievement rate of Indian pupils through integrated schooling at Father Moss School failed: no high school graduates, non-Indians do not attend Father Moss School, making it an all-Indian school outside the Indian community.
- b) Insufficient classroom space has been a fact pupils and teachers had to live with for about five years. The Bands have taken a very definite stand that they oppose any further joint school construction.
- c) Whitefish Bay is one of the few reserves in Northwestern Ontario that is developing the reserve community according to an approved "Master Plan" which includes the K-10 school as a community centre for cultural and sports activities. The Band is utilizing CMHC housing programs.
- d) Including Grades 9 and 10 in the program on the reserve is an attempt to improve the high school retention rate, which will reduce need for up-grading later on and will make it possible to improve instruction for Grades 7 and 8 through use of special subject teachers with high school qualifications. D.S.E. is convinced that this will work at Whitefish Bay.
- e) The cost of bussing to Father Moss School is now in excess of \$40,000 per year. This amount can be saved.
- f) Tuition at Father Moss School is very high with about \$1700 per pupil which equals the high school tuition rate and exceeds the per pupil cost in the Kenora District federal schools by \$500.

- g) A purchase and take-over of Father Moss School by D.I.A.N.D. on behalf of the Bands, if the Kenora R.C. Board would agree to it at all, would fragment the Reserve Master Plan and even worse result in friction between the Reserve Community and Sioux Narrows who are living now in harmony and are striving for common goals, each to have a community school for their own children.
- h) The Kenora Board of Education (Public) requires new school facilities and wishes to take over the Father Moss School building from the Kenora R.C. Board. Both Boards agree that the unamortized portion of joint school agreement No. 576, approximately \$87,000 as of 1978 be repaid to the Federal Government.
- i) The Kenora R.C. Board are supporting the Bands objectives to establish all school facilities on the Reserve (exhibit 4).

Ottawa, Sept. 17, 1976

Erik Weigeldt
District Supt. of Education
Kenora District

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Sept. 16, 1976

Prepared by E. Weigeldt
D.S.E. Kenora

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Whitefish Bay No. 32A and Northwest Angle Bands (Kenora District)

Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows, Ontario

Children of the above captioned Bands have attended Father Moss R.C. Separate School in Sioux Narrows since 1962. The children from the Whitefish Bay Reserve are bussed a distance of eleven miles.

Father Moss School as it exists now has been built and expanded under five Joint School Agreements as per attached summaries (exhibit 1 and 2). Agreement No. 522 replaced three previous agreements and does not contain a termination and repayment clause. (exhibit 3a)

The most recent Joint School Agreement No. 576 dated May 23, 1976 (exhibit 3b) for the Sewage treatment plant covers a total federal contribution of \$103,357.71 and contains termination and repayment clauses based on 4% depreciation a year. This agreement has not only been signed by the above mentioned Bands but also by the Chief of the Sabaskong Band, because pupils of Grades 4-8 were bussed about 40 miles from the Sabaskong Reserve (Fort Frances District) to Father Moss School at Sioux Narrows. Parents of K-3 pupils had the option to leave their children attend the federal school on the Sabaskong Reserve (one room) or to send them to Father Moss School.

The Sabaskong Band withdrew all their pupils from Father Moss School in December 1974 and started to provide instruction for Grades K-8 on the Reserve from January 1975 on. This reduced the Indian enrolment at Father Moss School by about 40.

With the closing of St. Mary's Residence in Kenora (1972) and the Fort Francis Residence (1974) and through general population increase the enrolment at Father Moss School increased to the extent of over-crowding. Make-shift, substandard classrooms in addition to the five regular classrooms had to be set up. The manual arts building was converted into a double-classroom (primary) but never fully approved by the fire marshall. The teachers' staff room and the principal's office were converted into a KG classroom and two trailers (12x36 feet each) are being used for instruction purposes.

Since 1972 the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board, the four Bands and D.I.A.N.D. discussed the construction of additional facilities for the steadily increasing Indian enrolment:

- 182 - 1972
- 220 - 1974
- 200 - 1975 (despite withdrawal of 40 Sabaskong pupils)

Several Joint School Submissions have been prepared with new construction values ranging from \$300,000 (1973) to \$600,00 (1975). The four Bands formed a committee of chiefs, the S.W.A.N. Committee, to take part in the decision making process. However from that time on until July 1975 it was not possible to arrive at mutually acceptable drafts for a tuition agreement and a new joint school agreement (see report to M. Rehaluk, June 30, 1975 - exhibit 3)

The S.W.A.N. Committee (since January 1975 minus the Sabaskong Band) secured the services of education consultants (B. Sealy and T. Riffle, Winnipeg) and presented D.I.A.N.D. and the Kenora R.C. Board with a position paper "Indian Control of Education" for the Whitefish Bay and Northwest Angle Bands, which contains the following prime objectives:

"(The Bands)...to take complete control of the education of our children and establish all necessary school facilities at Whitefish Bay Reserve."

The Kenora R.C. Board accepted this long-term objective of the Bands and informed Chief Andy White accordingly on Oct. 7, 1975 (exhibit 4).

The following events lead up to a meeting of the Bands with the ADM, Mr. Cam Mackie on May 19, 1976 at Father Moss School:

- (a) Oct. 1975 - B.C.R.'s requesting the transfer of the federal investment in Father Moss School to provincial education authorities and start project design for a K-10 school on the Whitefish Bay Reserve (exhibit 5).
- (b) Dec. 1975 - Sioux Narrows (non-Indians) delegation requests from the Kenora Board of Education (Public Schools) to take over Father Moss School and discontinue bussing elementary pupils from Sioux Narrows to Kenora (45 miles).
- (c) Jan. 1976 - Kenora R.C. Board and Kenora Public Board begins discussions concerning an agreement to take over Father Moss School for the accommodation of Sioux Narrows public elementary pupils or operate school jointly (exhibit 6).
- (d) March 12, 1976 - Chiefs Andy White and Charlie Nash, Secretary - Treasurer Jack McMillan (Kenora R.C. Board), M. Rehaluk, E. Weigeldt, B. Christie of D.I.A.N.D. meet with Mr. W.C. Vander Burgh Ministry of Education - Ontario in Toronto to get approval for use of Father Moss School by Kenora Board of Education (Public) and repayment of federal contribution to D.I.A.N.D. (exhibit 7 and 8)
- (e) Kenora R.C. Board and Kenora Public Board with participation of Ontario Ministry of Education (R. Steele) find a way to lease Father Moss for the use of the Kenora Public Board and arrange for repayment of ~~unamortized~~ federal contribution for sewage treatment plant (Joint School Agreement NO. 576) in the amount of about \$87,000 as of 1978.

M. Rehaluk advises that Messrs. McGilp, Korchinski and Rodina support this solution (exhibit 9).

(f) May 19, 1976 - Chief Andy White presents Mr. Cam Mackie with a petition on behalf of the three Bands requesting immediate start of construction of the K-10 school on the Whitefish Bay Reserve (exhibit 10).

Mr. Cam Mackie, in presence of F. Kelly, Grand Council Treaty No. 3, D. Jette, M. Rehaluk, L. Sturgeon, E. Waigeldt, D.I.A.N.D. made a definite commitment that a school will be built to open September 1978 with or without the Province's participation in resolving the Joint School Agreements concerning Father Moss School (exhibit 11).

The Kenora R.C. Board is meeting on September 22, 1976 to decide whether to lease or sell Father Moss School to the Kenora Public Board and both Boards plan on meeting September 28 or 29th, 1976 to reach an agreement in this matter.

Kenora, July 9, 1976

Mr. G.A. Mullin
A/Asst. Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

487/25-11-576 (E)
487/6-1 Whitefish Bay

Kindergarten Classroom - Whitefish Bay Reserve
Band Council Resolution No. 73 - June 28, 1976

— I am submitting the above Band Council Resolution to you with my recommendation for approval of all four items.

Last year the Department constructed this bungalow type classroom on the Reserve to accommodate the kindergarten class on the Reserve rather than bussing the children to Father Moss School. However, the classroom was staffed and operated by the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board.

For the new school year 1976-77 the Band, the Separate School Board and the Department (telecon Rehaluk/Weigeldt) agreed that the kindergarten classroom be staffed with a teacher hired by the Department and the Band administer the maintenance of the classroom and new teacher residence.

The estimated annual cost for operation and maintenance of classroom and teacherage is as follows:

2310	One full time teacher	\$ 14,500
	One full time teacher aide	6,000
	Instructional supplies	800
2330	Building Maintenance incl. part-time janitor	<u>3,500</u>
	Total	\$ 24,800

This amount will be more than off-set by the reduction of tuition fees and cost of special services payable to the Separate School Board. These are the estimated savings:

2410	Tuition 23 pupils x \$1,500	\$ 34,500
	Teacher aide salary	<u>6,000</u>
	Total	\$ 40,500

^{the} For current fiscal year 7/10 of the above totals apply.

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July 9, 1976

The Bands, the Separate School Board and the Department agreed on full time attendance of all K5 pupils during the school year 1975-76, and this arrangement has to be continued. The establishment of one additional teacher position for the Kenora District is requested.

The construction of the teacher residence will be done through contract with the Band, utilizing reserve day labour as much as possible. The cost for the construction and furnishing of the teacherage can be covered from a surplus in capital allocations and no additional funds are required. A project authorization for approval of the transfer of funds from P.A. No. 086 will be submitted separately.

Erik Weigeldt
District Supt. of Education
Kenora District

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100 - 4th Avenue South,
Kenora, Ontario,
July 7, 1976.

Mr. J.G. McMillan
Business Administrator
and Secretary Treasurer,
The Kenora District R.C. Separate
School Board,
Kenora, Ontario.

487/25-112586 (R)

Dear Mr. McMillan:

Tuition for Grade 9 Students/Father Hoeg School

This is to confirm that for the school year 1976-77 we agreed to pay tuition fees for twenty (20) grade 9 students or the actual number enrolled, whichever will be the greater.

Yours truly,



Erik Weigelt,
District Supt. of Education,
Kenora District.

c.c. Finance, Kenora

Kenora, July 6, 1976

Mr. G.A. Mullin
A/Assistant Regional Director
Education, Ontario

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Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows

As agreed during today's telephone conversation, I am enclosing
— copies of correspondence as follows.

- 1) Memo M. Rehaluk to C. Mackie - May 19, 1976
- 2) Memo J.L. Sturgeon to C.L. Poirier - June 10, 1976, with attached draft of Memorandum of Agreement (Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board).
- 3) Handwritten draft of Memorandum of Agreement (Kenora Board of Education) which is to serve as basis for discussions only.

Mr. Ken Hay, Director for the Kenora Board of Education, advised me today that the two Boards will meet in July to negotiate the details of the lease agreement which requires approval by the Ontario Ministry of Education. He will keep me informed.

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Erik Weigeldt
District Supt. of Education
Kenora District



Indian and
Northern Affairs

Affaires indiennes
et du Nord

22 St. Clair Avenue E.
Toronto, Ontario
May 19, 1976

Mr. C. Mackie
Assistant Deputy Minister
Department of Indian Affairs
and Northern Development
Ottawa, Ontario

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Our file Notre référence 487/25-11 (E2)

Father Moss School

The Kenora District R.C. Board of Education have agreed in principle to lease the Father Moss School to the Kenora Public School Board with the understanding that revenues from rental would be paid to D.I.A.N.D. to reimburse current Departmental equity in the amount of approximately \$180,000 over a ten-year period. The Ministry of Education had refused to waive the negative grant factor. Since we were not prepared to duplicate facilities Band Council was advised that we could proceed with the construction of an elementary school, Kindergarten to Grade 3, at Whitefish Bay but that children in Grades 4 to 9 must continue to attend the Father Moss School.

Chief Andy White, Grand Council Treaty No. 3, the Kenora District R.C. Board of Education, the Kenora Public Board of Education and Indian Affairs continued to negotiate with the Ministry of Education in an attempt to meet the expectations of the Indian people. The Ministry of Education has now agreed in principle to recognize the sewage and water installation, D.I.A.N.D. contribution, in the amount of \$103,357.71 as separate from the school facilities. This decision would make it possible for our Department to negotiate a rental purchase agreement with the Kenora Public Board of Education and thereby recovering our equity of \$103,357.71 less the 4% per year amortization effective September 1, 1974, over the next 10-year period.

D.I.A.N.D. equity in Father Moss less the cost of water and sewage is an additional amount of approximately \$80,000. Since it appears that the Ministry of Education is prepared to waive the negative

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Father Moss School

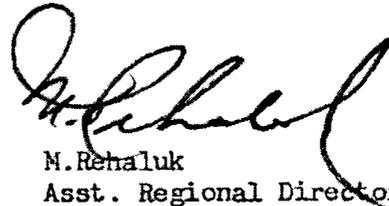
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grant factor with respect to the cost of water and sewage installation, I recommended that D.I.A.N.D. waive our equity of \$80,000 in school facilities and recover the unamortized cost of water and sewage installation.

We have encountered continuous dissatisfaction from the Indian people since 1962 when Indian children were first enrolled at Father Moss under the terms of a joint school agreement. Whitefish Bay, Northwest Angle 33 and Northwest Angle 37 Bands are more determined than ever to obtain instructional facilities for children enrolled from Kindergarten to Grade 9. Each of the Boards of Education, and now the Ministry of Education, by waiving the negative grant factor on the cost of water and sewage facilities, support the request made by the Indian people. My recommendation has been discussed with the A/Director of Education - Operations, and I am pleased to advise that both Mr. McGillp and Mr. Korchinski, in consultation with Mr. Rodine, support this stand. Mr. Rodine recommends that we waive our equity in the school facilities and negotiate a rental purchase agreement to recover our contribution less amortization costs from the Kenora Public Board of Education.

We are in the position to complete plans and design of a ten-room school based on the Onion Lake design and to prepare a Treasury Board submission for approval by July 1, 1976. Should our submission be approved, construction could commence in the early spring of 1977 with a possible completion date for September 1, 1978.



M. Rehaluk
Asst. Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

SUMMARY RE ATTACHED DETAILED MEMO

FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

Ministry of Education now agree in principle to accept our equity, water and sewage installation only, Father Moss School, in amount of approximately \$100,000 (based on telephone conversation R. Steele and Rehaluk, Tuesday, May 18).

Messrs. McGilp and Korchinski, through consultation with Mr. Rodine, recommend our accepting this proposal and that we waive our equity approximately \$80,000 in classroom facilities.

Subject to Treasury Board approval plans and design, ten-room school, can be prepared with construction commencing Spring 1977 and possible completion date September 1978.

Mr. Rodine recommends approval with details respecting implementation to follow.

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THIS WILL CONFIRM TELECON MULLIN/REHALUK AUTHORIZING YOU TO ADVISE KENORA SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD TO PROCEED WITH CONTRACT FATHER MOSS SCHOOL SEWAGE DISPOSAL AT A COST SHARED RATIO OF 184/200 AND THE REVISED ESTIMATE OF DLRS 103,500. SHD YOU ANTICIPATE ANY INCREASE IN COST BEYOND THIS AMOUNT PLS ADVISE REQUESTING ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY. A SUPPLEMENT TO THE PRESENT CONTRACT WILL BE PREPARED UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT. ALSO ADVISE INDICATING AMOUNT OF INITIAL PAYMENT REQUESTED UPON AWARDDING CONTRACT

M REHALUK ASST REGNL DIRECTOR EDUCATION, ONTARIO

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AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT NO. 576

AMENDMENT dated this 8th DAY OF April 1975
to the Memorandum of Agreement dated May 23, 1973

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 KENORA SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD in the
Province of Ontario, hereinafter called
"the Board"

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Memorandum of Agreement dated May 23, 1973 between
Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada and the Kenora Separate School
Board provided that the Minister pay to the Board a contribution of
\$73,600.00 towards the construction cost of the Father Moss School operated
by the Board in the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Board has now reported that the actual cost of
this project was \$26,944.76 more than the amount set forth in the above-
mentioned Agreement.

THEREFORE, the Minister agrees to pay the Department's share,
184/200ths of this additional cost, namely \$24,739.18, making a total
contribution of \$98,339.18.

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This Memorandum is to be read with, and attached to Memorandum of Agreement dated May 23, 1973.

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)

Fernando J. J. J.)

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in right of Canada

[Signature]
Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

[Signature])

The Kenora District Roman Catholic Separate School Board

[Signature]
Business Administrator & Secretary-Treasurer

I have read the above Agreement and understand the nature of the project. On behalf of the Indian people concerned with this school program we concur with the arrangements in this contract and the participation of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in this Joint School Agreement.

Chief, Sabaskong Band

[Signature]
Signature

Chief, White Fish Bay Band

[Signature]
Signature

Chief, North West Angle #37 Band

[Signature]
Signature

42 Chief, North West Angle Band 53#

[Signature]
Signature

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this 8th DAY OF June 1976

BETWEEN:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in Right of Canada, represented by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, hereinafter called 'the Minister'

OF THE FIRST PART

AND

The Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board, in the Province of Ontario, hereinafter called 'the Separate School Board'

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Whitefish Bay and Northwest Angle Bands have requested from the Minister the construction of a ten-classroom school on the Whitefish Bay Reserve with a completion date of September 1, 1978;

AND

WHEREAS the Minister, under five Joint School Agreements, has purchased 115 pupil spaces in Father Moss School at Sioux Narrows;

AND

WHEREAS the Kenora Board of Education wishes to lease Father Moss School for their own use as of September 1, 1978.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES that the Minister and the Separate School Board mutually agree to terminate all Joint School Agreements respecting the 115 pupil spaces in Father Moss School as of August 31, 1978, on the following conditions:

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2. The Kenora Board of Education and the Minister enter into a rental-purchase agreement for the sewage treatment plant at the Father Moss School site, the Kenora Board of Education undertaking to repay the Minister his share of the cost less depreciation over a period of ten years beginning September 1, 1978; this agreement to be finalized by October 1, 1976.
3. The Ministry of Education for the Province of Ontario approve of the lease agreement under 1. and the rental purchase agreement under 2.
4. The Minister waive any claim to other unamortized portions of the investments under the aforementioned Joint School Agreements subject to the conditions above.

IN WITNESSES WHEREOF the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has hereunto set his hand and seal on behalf of Her Majesty in Right of Canada and the Separate School Board has executed this Agreement by the hands and seals of its proper officers duly authorized in that behalf.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED)
in the presence of)
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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in
Right of Canada

Minister of Indian Affairs
and Northern Development

The Kenora District R.C.
Separate School Board

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I have read the above Agreement and understand its terms and conditions.

On behalf of the Indian people concerned with this school program, I
concur with the arrangements of this Agreement.

Title

Whitefish Bay Band 32A

Signature

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Northwest Angle Band 33

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Northwest Angle Band 37

Signature



Indian and Northern Affairs
Affaires indiennes et du Nord

100 - 4th Avenue S.
Kenora, Ontario
June 10, 1976

Mr. C.L. Poirier, Chairman
The Kenora District R.C.
Separate School Board
200 - 1st Street N.
Kenora, Ontario

Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence

487/25-11-576 (E)

Dear Mr. Poirier:

Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows

Negotiations between the two Kenora School Boards, the Ontario Ministry of Education, the Whitefish Bay Band and Northwest Angle Bands, and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development have led to agreements which will make it possible for the Kenora Board of Education to lease Father Moss School from the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board as of September 1, 1978, and enable the Department of Indian Affairs to construct a ten-classroom school on the Whitefish Bay Reserve. Your Board's efforts and cooperation in these negotiations have been very much appreciated.

- The enclosed Memorandum of Agreement contains the conditions under which the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board and the Department of Indian Affairs mutually agree to terminate, as of August 31, 1978, the Joint School Agreements concerning Father Moss School, provided the rental-purchase agreement between the Kenora Board of Education and the Department of Indian Affairs has been signed by October 1, 1976. This letter represents a commitment of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board to that effect.

Please sign all four copies of this Memorandum of Agreement and return them for the Minister's and the Chiefs' signatures.

Yours truly,

J. L. Sturgeon
District Manager
Kenora District

Encl.

c.c. Assistant Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this 8th DAY OF June 1976

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3. The Ministry of Education for the Province of Ontario approve of the lease agreement under 1. and the rental purchase agreement under 2.
4. The Minister waive any claim to other unamortized portions of the investments under the aforementioned Joint School Agreements subject to the conditions above.

IN WITNESSES WHEREOF the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has hereunto set his hand and seal on behalf of Her Majesty in Right of Canada and the Separate School Board has executed this Agreement by the hands and seals of its proper officers duly authorized in that behalf.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED)
in the presence of)

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in
Right of Canada

Minister of Indian Affairs
and Northern Development

The Kenora District R.C.
Separate School Board

I have read the above Agreement and understand its terms and conditions.
On behalf of the Indian people concerned with this school program, I
concur with the arrangements of this Agreement.

Title
Whitefish Bay Band 32A

Signature

Title
Northwest Angle Band 33

Signature

Title
Northwest Angle Band 37

Signature

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MR. C. L. POIRIER, CHAIRMAN
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Mr. E. Weigeldt,
District Superintendent of
Education,
Indian and Northern Affairs,
100 Fourth Avenue South,
Kenora, Ontario.

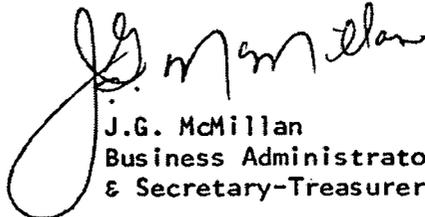
Dear Mr. Weigeldt:

At a meeting held recently, The Kenora District R.C. Separate
School Board approved the following resolution:

"That the school lunch program at Father Moss School
be discontinued effective September 1, 1976."

The reason for this action is that the Board finds it
impossible to provide the service for 35 cents per pupil per day.

Yours very truly,


J.G. McMillan
Business Administrator
& Secretary-Treasurer

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c.c. Chief Andy White

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MR. C. L. POIRIER, CHAIRMAN
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Mr. Cecil White,
Band Administrator,
Whitefish Bay Band No. 32A,
Pawitik, Ontario,
POX 1C0.

Dear Mr. White:

At a meeting held recently, The Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board approved a resolution to discontinue the school lunch program at Father Moss School effective September 1, 1976.

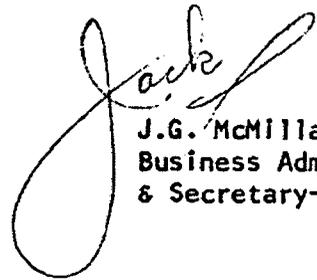
The reason for this action was that the Department of Indian Affairs decided to enforce their limitations of the cost of this program to 35 cents per pupil per day. The Board finds it impossible to continue the program under these circumstances.

The attendance counsellor has resigned and the Board has no plans, at the moment, for a replacement.

We trust that this information will answer the points raised in your letter dated June 22, 1976.

Kindest regards,

Yours very truly,


J.G. McMillan
Business Administrator
& Secretary-Treasurer

JGM/gm

c.c. Mr. E. Weigeldt
Indian Affairs

100 - 4th Avenue S.
Kenora, Ontario
June 10, 1976

Mr. C.L. Poirier, Chairman
The Kenora District R.C.
Separate School Board
200 - 1st Street N.
Kenora, Ontario

487/25-11-576 (E)

Dear Mr. Poirier:

Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows

Negotiations between the two Kenora School Boards, the Ontario Ministry of Education, the Whitefish Bay Band and Northwest Angle Bands, and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development have led to agreements which will make it possible for the Kenora Board of Education to lease Father Moss School from the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board as of September 1, 1978, and enable the Department of Indian Affairs to construct a ten-classroom school on the Whitefish Bay Reserve. Your Board's efforts and cooperation in these negotiations have been very much appreciated.

- The enclosed Memorandum of Agreement contains the conditions under which the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board and the Department of Indian Affairs mutually agree to terminate, as of August 31, 1978, the Joint School Agreements concerning Father Moss School, provided the rental-purchase agreement between the Kenora Board of Education and the Department of Indian Affairs has been signed by October 1, 1976. This letter represents a commitment of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development to the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board to that effect.

Please sign all four copies of this Memorandum of Agreement and return them for the Minister's and the Chiefs' signatures.

Yours truly,

J. L. Sturgeon
District Manager
Kenora District

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c.c. Assistant Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

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MR. C. L. POIRIER, CHAIRMAN
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June 1, 1976

Mr. E. Weigeldt,
District Superintendent of Education,
Indian and Northern Affairs,
100 Fourth Avenue South,
Kenora, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Weigeldt:

REQUESTS OF THE WHITEFISH BAY BAND

At a meeting held recently the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board dealt with the requests from the Whitefish Bay Indian Band as contained in their letter to you dated May 25, 1976 as follows:

1. Industrial Arts and Home Economics

These courses will be offered at Father Moss School beginning in September 1976 and the Board would appreciate receiving suggestions from you or the Band that may make these programs more meaningful to the Indian Children. The Board will not, however, give up control of these programs.

2. Kindergarten Class at Whitefish Bay

The Board believes that it is in order for the Whitefish Bay Band to take control of the Kindergarten class located on the Reserve provided that they take complete control and responsibility for the program including the hiring of a teacher, providing housing accommodation, etc.

3. Attendance Counsellor and School Lunch Program

The Board decided that they would not surrender control of programs for which they continue to have responsibility. They also considered the responsibility that they have as an employer of the people who are running these programs.

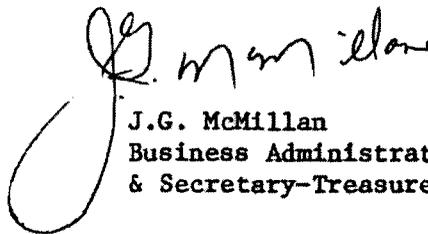
Mr. E. Weigeldt

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Since the Board met, however, the Attendance Counsellor has resigned her position and it would appear that we will be unable to continue the school lunch program. These matters will be brought forward to the attention of the Board for further consideration at its next meeting.

Yours very truly,



J.G. McMillan
Business Administrator
& Secretary-Treasurer

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June 1, 1976

Mr. Andy White, Chief,
Whitefish Bay Band No. 32A,
Pawitik, Ontario,
POX 1L0.

Dear Chief White:

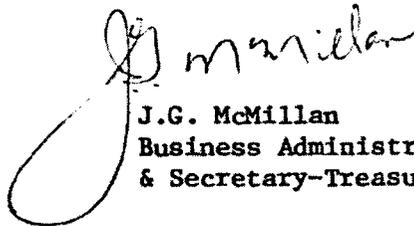
The following is an analysis of the costs of the noon lunch program at Father Moss School as requested. The analysis covers the calendar year 1975.

Salaries and wages	\$10,672.57
Free milk	4,230.07
Food	10,835.10
Supplies	1,290.06
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Total cost of lunches	\$27,027.80
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Based on 183 school days and an enrolment of 225 pupils the above costs work out to 65¢ per pupil per day.

Wages alone work out to 26¢ per lunch in 1975 and this figure will be increased in 1976 due to an increase in wages.

Yours very truly,


J.G. McMillan
Business Administrator
& Secretary-Treasurer

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c.c. ✓ Mr. E. Weigeldt

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RE FATHER MOSS SCHOOL
MEETING BETWEEN MIN OF ED AND TWO KENORA BOARDS RE TRANSFER
OF FATHER MOSS SCHOOL SCHEDULED FOR

TUES JUNE 8/76 AT 19:30 IN KENORA

PLS ADV WHETHER U WILL B ABLE TO ATTEND OR PROVIDE DIRECTIVES
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May 19th 1976

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF GENERAL BAND

Father Moss School at 9:30 pm

Re: New School at Whitefish Bay Reserve

Guests: Cam Mackie, Asst. Deputy Minister of Indian Affairs
Lyle Sturgeon, Indian Affairs, Kenora
Debbie Jette, Asst. to Cam Mackie
Mike Rehalluk, Regional Dir. Education for Indian Affairs
Eric Weigeldt, IA Education Kenora
Fred Kelly, Pres. Treaty #3
Sam Copenace, NWA #37
Dave Paul, NWA #33

Meeting opened with greetings to guests from Chief Andy White:

ANDY: We appreciate all these people turning out for this meeting tonight to listen to our grievances. These are the result of a 4 or 5 year struggle that we have been having to get better education for our kids ... because none of our children are graduating from high school, most of them dropping out at grade 9 or 10.

We felt there must be a reason for this and have been working on the problem of getting education for them so that they can mature and take a better place in life. Perhaps they can continue on even to University. We have already had, just recently, a meeting with the Provincial people in Education to present our problems to them.

The reason why this school (Father Moss) was built was to try and bring the white and Indian children together, but it didn't work. Many problems developed and the white parents have taken their children out of Father Moss so that now the school is over 99% Indian.

What we want now is to try and have a school on the Reserve, to encourage our kids to stay in school at least to grade 10... on the Reserve. This is the problem.

We feel that by this way of education we would have the advantage of getting our kids to High School and University.

I would like to have Sam Copenace elaborate on the situation as he has been in on this problem since it started four or five years ago.

SAM: We know that you have heard us and that you have all the information that we can give you. We have had many meetings, many letters, much discussion over the past years, and as Andy said we have just recently gone over this whole matter with the Education people again. What has been done is past history.

You people have been going by the rule that it is a good thing to have integrated community schools for Indian children. It has not worked out for us and we have been trying to get our children back into school on the Reserve.

ANDY: At this time I would like to present you a petition supporting the building of this school signed by all the people of Whitefish Bay.

CAM: I know about the problem and I came prepared to work with you and with Mr. Rehalluk here for a solution. Mr. Rehalluk and others have been working on this problem already on your behalf and I believe that there have been significant changes in the situation in the past day or two.

MIKE: I think we are as concerned as Chief Andy White about the problem he has

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described. We first began working on the matter four years ago. The first two years of meetings were spent deciding in what direction the Bands wanted to go, in meetings among the Indian people.

About a year ago, in July 1975, a united proposal was presented by these people to Indian Affairs. There have been many meetings about this proposal with the Indian people and with the Boards of the Public School and the Separate School system in Kenora. All of these culminated in the meeting with the Minister of Education in Toronto the first week in March. He wanted to attend this meeting personally but was unable to do so and sent his staff experts to get all the information they could on the situation. I believe that this was the first time that the Minister was aware of the entire problem and also of the determination and resolution of the people of Whitefish Bay.

At this point, just following the meeting in Toronto in March, the Ministry was not prepared to agree to waive the negative grant factor. They received formal responses to their request for written information about one month ago. At this point IA was prepared to go ahead with the school for Kindergarten to Grade Three only.

Through the following efforts of the Band Councils, the Bands, Treaty #3 and the District Offices, the Ministry has just told me by telephone yesterday that they will reconsider their position. Since the sewer and water system installed at Father Moss recently can be considered by them as not a part of the actual school they can therefore make arrangements for the IA to recover about \$100,000 which will, together with their new position of bending a bit, make it possible for IA to go ahead with the Band's request for a Kindergarten to Grade 9 school on the reserve. You should now begin negotiating the details.

You have seen the plans for the school at Onion Lake and with modifications to fit your needs this should provide a ten room school for you. It will take 4 to 5 months to get these plans ready and should the capital funds be available as scheduled construction could begin in the Spring of 1977 and we should meet your target date for opening your school in September of 1978. It will not be physically possible to begin earlier but there is every reason to believe that we can meet your school opening target date.

CAM: I would like to add that I am sorry it has taken so long to reach this point and that it will still take another two years to get the school in but I will do everything I can to support your September 1978 opening date.

CECIL: I would like to go back to what you said about the Bands now negotiating with the Kenora School Boards. There have been many BCR's written authorizing the IA to go ahead and do this negotiating with the Kenora School Boards. Are we going to go back to this again?

MIKE: What I mean is that now we want to close the final arrangements and we certainly will not want to do this without the approval of the Bands of these details. I will also want to get confirmation in writing of what I was told on the telephone.

CAM: What Cecil is saying is that it's time to get on with it. Don't go back to the Ministry people... they aren't ready for this. Just go ahead with what you have on planning the final stages of construction for the school.

CECIL: We are sick of all the negotiating that we have done over the last four years and it didn't seem to get us anywhere. It also bothers the teachers at the school... they don't know where they stand with all these rumours flying around town.

MIKE: Of course Father Moss will still be operated as it is now until such time

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As the public school can take it over and the Indian children can be moved to the new school.

CAM: I think what I will do is to respond to your petition which you have just given me by taking it back with me and setting out the proposal we have heard here tonight in writing, for your discussion. But in the meantime get the actual plans for the school and the transfer of pupils underway. You don't have to wait for anything further.

MIKE: There will be a joint meeting of the two Kenora Boards with the IA and others on next Tuesday to get the plans going. We estimate that the Bands should have preliminary drawings for their approval in 6 weeks.

CAM: What is the feeling of these people here as to why the students are not going on to high school?

SAM: The distance they have to travel... plus the undesirable situation of being placed in Boarding homes.

CAM: How many students do you now have in high school?

JOE BIRD: We started out with 16 last fall and we have 5 left in grades 10 and 11. I don't think you can fully realize all the frustrations that are involved in this situation of trying to get a school here at the Reserve and solve this problem of students dropping out. We have cooperated with everyone year after year, meeting after meeting, report after report and nothing has happened that would be what we think is the solution to this problem. I worked for the Band before and sat on the Council. I left for a while and went to work in Ottawa, and now I am back and still nothing has been done.

CAM: Let's think of what could be done in the two years until the school opens to keep these kids from dropping out of High School... let's not waste that time, too.

JOE BIRD: If you are thinking in terms of the High School kids, we are trying to get group homes started and you could get these going.

We have a Kindergarten school here at the Reserve and we would like to begin by taking over this school, starting with the little children first and gradually working our way up so that we will be ready to take over the new school when it is completed.

We are also interested in solving the problem of bussing the Father Moss children in to Kenora twice a week for Home Economics and Shop classes. This means that they are spending five or six hours a week on the bus for less than two hours of instruction.

MIKE: We are working on a new program for these two areas which is designed to better meet their needs.

CAM: This just doesn't make any sense at all! What do you need to teach these course? A stove and a sink? Why not bring the teacher out here? What is going on that this has been done for years?

DEBBIE: How about a Friendship Centre at Kenora with after-school activities for the High School students to help fill in some of the time while they are in Boarding School? Is there one?

JOE BIRD: Yes, we are trying to establish an Indian Friendship Centre but I think you know the problems there have been. The present one is run by a church.

FRED: I can only add that I hope that the problems discussed tonight are water under the bridge... but I will have to add what has been going on for four years that all of a sudden we have solutions tonight? What the devil happened?

CAM: All I can say that it is necessary for people like you and Chief White and

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the Band Councils to keep the heat on big bureaucracy like Indian Affairs. We have no illusions that we have the patent on solving problems... but we can and will come together with you to sit down and work for solutions and not just talk. The time and patience that you have invested so far in this situation will be valuable to you because you haven't yet come to the end of the problem and it will be two more years of waiting before you actually can use your school. MIKE; (comment on speed of IA timetables) Did get the Kindergarten school in operation in two months which was pretty fast.

FRED: The thing that upsets me about this whole thing is that the Band Councils are constantly being set in the middle, being sent here and there by different groups to be told "No" when time and again they have stated their positions and have clearly indicated that it is up to IA to negotiate for them. I think it is going to be very necessary for you people to take the initiative, not wait for them to get in touch with you, but pick up the phone in a week and call them and say "this is what's happening... how do you feel about it?"

CAM: This is true. We are very likely to vacillate around, especially where we have school contracts. We have a lot of money out on these and we have to be cautious, BUT our primary objective is quality education for Indian children and where this is not happening its up to us to find out why not.

We are going to have to develop a system whereby the people who are holding these contracts for the education of Indian Children are as accountable to the Indian people as any other contractor, say a builder or anything else. They are going to have to produce or else. They should be subject to the same type of performance standards that any contractor has to meet.

ERIC: Quality education is what we are all seeking. I think that the fact that this group has succeeded as far as they have with the project is a tribute to the perseverance and tenacity of Chief Andy White and his Council. Their entire method of approach, everything they have done over the past four years has made this success possible... their work with committees, with IA and with the various Boards and also the Ministry of Education.

ANDY: One final comment... I hope that we will be having more successes along that line and that means that this meeting will really mean that the school will be built on schedule. We are trying to get quality education for our kids.

I would also like to invite the Deputy Minister to come out to Whitefish and see some of the other things we are doing on our Reserve. Also I would like to thank everyone for coming to this meeting and sitting down to talk about solutions for our problems.

I hope you will accept my invitation sooner, Mr. Mackie but certainly for the opening day of the new school!

CAM: I surely will!

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May 26th 1976

MINUTES OF COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR FATHER MOSS

May 25th at Father Moss School.... 8:15 pm

RE: Attached agenda from Department of Indian Affairs

PRESENT: Stan Clark, KSSB Trustee (Clockwise from door)
Jack McMillan, KSSB Bus. Admin.
Mrs. Eva Dion, KSSB Trustee for Sioux Narrows
Diane Pochallo, KSSB Trustee
Sister Twomey, Supervising Principal
Joe Tom, Trustee KSSB for WFB
Joe Bird, WFB Education Counsellor
Andy White, Chief WFB
Eric Weigeldt, Department of Indian Affairs, Kenora, Education
Charlie Nash, Chief NWA #37
Visiting: Gerald Lafrenier, Principal of Father Moss

Minutes by: Ann Graveson, WFB

ERIC: I have been asked to act as Chairman for this meeting and the first order of business will be the agenda. Please give me any additional items that do not appear on the copy you have.

(JACK suggests Transportation; SISTER suggests attendance and Librarian)

ERIC: For the information of those of you who did not attend the General Band meeting here last week, there has been some real movement on the situation of building the K-9 school on the Reserve. I will attempt to recap the situation and would appreciate any help in case I miss any points.

There has been some activity from the Ministry of Education... at the last time we met their position was that they would never waive the negative grant factor for the Kenora Separate School Board which would mean that they would lose a lot of money if the new school at the Reserve would be built.

Indian Affairs had taken the position also that they must be reimbursed for their investment.

Through the efforts of many people we learned at the General Band Meeting last week when Deputy Minister Cam Mackie was here as a guest of the Band, the Ministry is now prepared to recognize that the sewer and water system are not part of the school proper and they can therefore waive the negative grant factor and Indian Affairs is now prepared to bend on its position and accept \$100,000 or thereabouts instead of \$180,000 as their reimbursement.

I am not sure as to exactly how this came about but I do know that the Bands and many other people did a great deal of work and a great deal of pressure was brought to bear to make this possible. What it means is that now the K-9 school can be built, and Father Moss leased to the SB for \$1.00.

And further, Mr. Mackie has indicated that no matter what snags appear in the future in the building of this school that the school will go ahead, no ifs, ands or buts.

Mr. Mackie is committed to this project to the point of correcting Mr. Rehalluk who was also at the meeting... The school will be built to be ready for the WFB Band target date of September 1978.

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This leaves us with the job of providing the very best possible quality of education for the Indian children at Father Moss during the two years until the school is ready.

We have the assurance from the KSSB that they will cooperate with the Band in this work... assisting them in the work of acquiring the skills necessary to administer their own school system. My job is to keep the education system going and if possible to improve on the system.

JACK MCM: (Long dissertation on how hard the KSSB worked and how they finally achieved the school for the Indian people and do the Indian people know this?)

ERIC: (Thanks them.)

SISTER T: The KSSB chose the building of the school on the Reserve as one of their objectives and it has finally been accomplished.

ERIC: (Thanks her... mentions other outside pressures brought to bear.)

ERIC: To follow up on the taking over of the education system by the Indian people, I have a letter here that puts these requests which have been made previously, into writing. (Reads attached letter.)

Now, to open the discussion, I should say that the Department of Indian Affairs normally requires seven months lead time in turning over programs because of the problems of transferring funds. I don't see how this is going to be done without the lead time.

In what form do you intend to take over these programs? Are you planning to take them over completely and administer them and the funding? Or do you want to take them over under the direction of Father Moss School Board? Or just what is your plan?

I understand from the meeting the other night that there are some changes planned for the Home Economics and Industrial Arts programs which you specifically mention in your letter of request. I believe that what you were talking about at the meeting was that you would like the programs to be done at the Reserve to cut down the travel time and to give the youngsters the advantage of working with their own people... perhaps on the housing construction and in the Daycare centers, cooking and caring for the children there.

The transfer of funds is very complicated and should you elect to administer these programs entirely on your own it would be difficult. I do not have the authority to do this on my own but would need approval from Toronto.

ANDY: Let's talk about some of the problems that the kids have that have to do to Kenora. A lot of the parents feel that the kids do not get much education and a lot of time is wasted by traveling all the way to Kenora. They have informed us that it would be a lot better if the kids would go to school on the Reserve. They would be working with their own people and in their own language.

We should start trying to take over some of the programs that the school boards are now carrying. What I am really saying is that the parents would like to take over the programs. We know it is going to be difficult but we are facing difficult times and a difficult future. We want to try and get more kids educated.

A lot of programs are flowing into the Reserve, like the CMHC housing, and the Band members think that it would be a good idea to work with these kids themselves.

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Like Eric Weigeldt said, this is going to be very difficult, but we have got to try.

I would like to thank Mr. McMillan for his help on getting our school.

ERIC: I understand that the KSSB has something different planned for Home Economics and Industrial Arts for the fall. Could you present that proposal for the Band, as you have seen it?

SISTER: We have been transferring grades 7, 8 and 9 to Kenora to Thomas Aquinas in Kenora for Home Economics and Industrial Arts, feeling that they would get a better program in there than could be done out here. However, it has developed after a number of years experience that it simply is not working out.

This year we have Board approval to transfer Dan Bouvier here to teach Shop and Elaine Kast will return in the Fall to teach Home Economics, here at Father Moss. We have definite approval to put on these programs here at Father Moss, part of the time on the Reserve and also part of the time taking students in to Thomas Aquinas to learn to operate the machinery there.

JACK: I would suggest that to arrange for complete take-over will be very complicated; there would be the matter of transferring the amount of money that IA pays for these special courses to the Band and separating out the money could be difficult.

SISTER: The whole process would be very difficult to transfer in just a few months before school opened this Fall.

ERIC: Could someone from your staff give us some kind of idea ... how are these programs planned? In groups of half-days or in packets of courses or what? From this kind of information we can assist the Band in planning their financial take-over.

DIANE: We will need time to talk this over together and see what kind of plans the Band has.

SISTER: Three 40 minute periods or 2 hours in six days.

ERIC: Let's jump to the Kindergarten class because there will be staffing problems to consider here. I would like to hear from the Band what their idea is in taking over the Kindergarten?

ANDY: The idea is that we would start with the smaller children and work from there up. So we would like to take complete control of the Kindergarten. We would like to arrange to start off there.

ERIC: If the Department is to support the Band in this take-over the Kindergarten, I repeat there will be the same problems of transfers of funds and staffing. In this matter of the take-over of the Kindergarten I do not have to hesitate. The building is actually in operation at the Reserve and the responsibility for the education of the children remains with the Ministry and this is not likely to change.

On the matter of the seven months lead time, precedence has been set at another Band Reserve... they took over the education of their children without any lead-time. In this way it won't be such a problem. Could the KSSB see their way clear to assisting in such a take-over?

STAN C: The Board would not see any problem so inquiry along this line would be in order.

SISTER: There is one week left before we have to notify teachers regarding their contracts for next year. It would be important to get this matter settled quickly.

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ERIC: I don't think this is a major obstacle... I agree with the Band that this is the best possible place for them to start. Our Department will just have to swing into action.

There is one area... in dealing with teachers and other professional people the Band will not be able to offer the same fringe benefits that other school systems can. This could be a disadvantage and has to be worked on by Indian Affairs. The Bands could get together and form their own school board but I wouldn't recommend that at this point; you all remember what difficulties you had in establishing a school board yourselves. There are some other proposals in this area that I will be making to the Band.

DIANE: The Band needs operating experience and they can certainly get it in operating the kindergarten, the staff, staff housing... the whole thing.

ERIC: In order not to waste time in this matter perhaps you and the Band could both communicate your finds to me by letter... this would be better than setting up another meeting for say two weeks from now.

DIANE: We are having another full Board meeting tomorrow night and could write to you after that.

ERIC: Let's move on then to the request for taking over the school lunch program. Now although this is not ordinarily the case, it seems that this question is also tied into the question of the job of Attendance Officer which the Band has requested that they take over.

In preparation for this we have a BCR dated April 7th 1976 and for the information of the committee I will read this BCR for you: (see attached).

SISTER: I can see three or four things that would be problems if the Band were to take over the position of Attendance Counsellor. Sister Nolan who is doing the job and the other two sisters are here under contracts with us. We can't just up and give them a couple days notice. We could see the Band taking over these programs when the new school is ready in September 1978 but until then we have obligations to our staff and teachers, both in the matter of loyalty to our employees and in the matter of legal obligations.

ERIC: As I see it, the Band wants to provide an attendance counsellor. I myself feel as they do that the services of Sister Nolan have been appreciated but in keeping with your objective of assisting the Band in taking over the school system, they should be given the opportunity to provide the attendance counsellor.

However, I also understand that because of the fact that the three sisters live and work together doing the work on sort of several part-time jobs making up their full schedule, that any changes would make hard feelings.

In order to take more responsibility for the administration of programs, the Band should have the opportunity to take over programs during the two years the school is being built.

STAN C: We simply can't have two people controlling a function for which we are responsible.

~~ANDY: I just would like to point out a few comments... we feel that while you all may be satisfied with the job that the sister is doing, that the Band members have not been satisfied. She might be satisfactory to the Board but she is not satisfactory to the Band, because the people on the Reserve, many of them do not have good education, to understand the education of today.~~

This is one of the reasons... that we would like to work with this person, attendance counsellor, on the Reserve and in our own lang-

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uage, to feed back information to the parents and people on the Reserve about education today and why it is important for their kids.

Also we would have a person who would be available to all three Bands who would understand the problems at home... why the children are not in school. What we are trying to do is get a person who is educated to work with the parents and children about education, someone from our own Reserves who speaks our own language, which we have not had since the white man first came.

We are trying to get our kids to move out, to become educated, to get ready to work with their own people. We felt that education was needed on the Reserve many years ago. Our kids would have better education today if you had listened to us then.

There are a lot of Indian people who do not understand education and we feel that we must win these people to understanding how important education is. To do this, a person would have to speak our language and also understand the importance of education in the white community. All I am saying is that we should have a person who would communicate with the kids and the parents. I hope that the Board would understand our problem.

I feel that we could move very rapidly to educate our children-to work with the Department and the Board to move ahead. As far as the attendance counsellor which we have today, it has not worked at least from the point of view of the Reserve. A lot of people don't understand English... we need a person who speaks our own language.

DIANE: There is also the real world that the children have to deal with going on around all the time. Our objective is to get the people to continue to work with your children educating them.

JOE BIRD: Working here in Sioux Narrows and at Father Moss, I can appreciate your problem. I invite you to come into my office, I work alone and sometimes it gets pretty hectic. Come in and sit down and we will talk about this. I am trying to work with the families, too.

But the question has been raised, I was asked by an old Indian woman: "How come there is a white person doing that job?" She thought that the Band had hired the attendance counsellor. She wondered why. I can see no reason why we cannot start having an Indian person do this work now.

We realize the importance of education. She wondered why we had hired a white sister to go around checking up on the kids. You talk about "the real world around us" but this is how we see things.

ERIC: I can appreciate the value of loyalty to your staff, but we feel that we are in quite a period of change. I wonder how severely it would affect the sisters... we know that they are not doing this work for the almighty buck.

JACK: I was in charge of the lunch program before the sisters took it over and it was a constant problem. They have just done miracles with the small amount of money that they are given. They have been fantastic.

The Board has worked with the Band to accomplish their other objective, the new school, and I feel that we should be given the control of the lunch program and attendance counsellor in return.

ERIC: I am concerned that no conflict arises between the Band and the Board in the accomplishing of all the objectives of a quality education for the

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Indian children.

The Band wishes to take over the position of attendance counsellor because they wish to work more closely with the counsellor. The original suggestion that they also take over the school lunch program was made by the Band because they foresaw that there might be a possibility of the sisters quitting or there being trouble if they did take over the attendance counsellor and so they asked to take over both jobs. They want to take over responsibility; they want to take on the work and learn the skills that are necessary for providing education for their own children.

But most of all they want to be given the opportunity to do it their way, to make their own mistakes.

I think perhaps now we can leave this item and go on to the next.

SISTER: They will have the opportunity to run their own school system in two more years, but in the meantime we have obligations and things for which we are responsible and we want the school to run just as it has for those two years.

ANDY: We would try and identify some of the people who would be responsible from the Reserve. We would try and educate these persons before the school is completed at the Reserve. And we would like to take over the programs and positions we have discussed as well as the school lunch program.

A lot of the people have complained to the Band Council and to the SWAN committee about the lunch program. The kids are coming home hungry.

A lot of Indian people are working for very little money, less than the minimum wage. What they are trying to do is put three square meals on the table every day for their kids. They would like to try and better the meals at the school. Also, they feel that if the kids had a good square meal at noon they would study better and get a better education. I can realize what they are going through... I went through it, too, for three years and that's why I dropped out of school after five years with only a Grade Three education. We feel that we must control what our kids are eating.

What I see you doing here is try to satisfy three people... but what about the 500 people at the Reserve and the 200 kids? What about bettering their education?

I feel that if we take over the programs we would be in a better position to see that they got a better education.

STAN C: All kids are hungry when they get home from school (etc.)

ERIC: I assume that the quality and quantity of food provided is determined by the small amount of money that we are able to provide the school for the lunch program. If the Band takes over the program there would be no more money for them to use. They would have to operate on the same amount of money. There would be no major change in policy, even in the face of such a major action as Garden River took, withdrawing their children in protest for 6 or 8 weeks. The answer is always that Family Allowances have increased and that the parents can send school lunches... all we are supposed to provide is a bowl of soup and in some cases a glass of milk.

JACK: 35¢ per student per lunch is all we are provided. The children are supposed to bring their own lunches. The sisters have become quite discouraged

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with the small amount of money they have to work with. This is going to be the case until IA changes their policies.

MRS. DION: I am very surprised to hear that there have been complaints about the school lunches. I thought that the sisters were doing a good job and hadn't heard any differently. There were some menu changes... I believe that it was spaghetti that the children didn't like and it was taken off the menu. But other than that.....

JOE TOM: I have had several complaints and have relayed them all to the Principal.

DIANE: I remember being told/in a meeting that the parents needed to accept more responsibility and this is what they wanted... to accept responsibility. Well, this is the same case. The parents need to accept responsibility for getting the children's lunches to school with them. If your children aren't satisfied with the meals its up to you to see that they do get meals they like.

ANDY: We can only give you the feelings of the members of the Band. As Chiefs and Councillors, we can't tell you about ourselves personally... only the things that we are told by the members of the Band. I can only report the complaints that I receive at the Reserve.

GERALD: I would like to say as Principal that our meals have been checked by nutritionists and they report to me over the past months that they are amazed that they are so good with what the sisters have to work with. They are nutritionally balanced and good on protiens and all the rest of it.

SISTER: If we can't get teachers and staff to stay with us for the remaining two years that Father Moss will be operating as our school then it is your children who will suffer in the long run. It is not a very settling thing to know that the school system is changing hands in just two years, for a professional person.

ERIC: No matter what meals are served, I can tell you from long experience that there will be complaints. I even had complaints that the food being served at Celia Jaffrey was too good and too much and that the children couldn't eat it all! Food will always be a problem, human nature being to complain about food. But there is no possibility of the Department's policy changing.

I think we have made our points clear. We need to take this information back to our respective groups and discuss it with them, to see if it is possible to come to some sort of agreement. I also have to check into the question of how much notice must be given Special Services as well as the Departments controlling the other programs we discussed.

We should move on now to the problem of transportation.

JACK: One of my problems over the years has been transportation. This is the only place in the school system where we have bus transport but not the contract ... and I can't call up the person in charge of bus transportation and tell them if they don't straighten out I won't pay them their money.

(Elaborates the problems of Department of Transport reports on faulty equipment; problem of bus not coming; problem of dirty buses; problem of buses being late. Has tried discussing with Frank Tom who is always cooperative but the situation continues. Sometimes 70 to 80 or even 100 children are absent because of bus problems and this upsets the teachers.)

JOE TOM: As you know, I have approached Frank on this and he has taken steps

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to correct this problem. You better think again about the dirty Indians because the one bus that is being complained about is being driven by a white woman.

I have had to drive the buses many times from Keewatin where they are taken for their safety checks and so forth. He is working pretty hard to look after the buses. I don't know what has been happening lately but I do know that Frank and the Band are trying to do a good job on the buses. After we got a few things straightened out, I don't think you will be having problems any more.

I will again mention this to Frank.

ANDY: I don't know why now there are problems with the buses. We have never had any complaints from the Department of Transport at the Band Office, unless these reports are going to Eric.

The last time we were called we called in the bus people and we talked about the problems with them for a whole day... and this is the first time we heard about the problems. We wrote a letter and told the bus contractors that if they did not do a proper job they would have their funds cut off.

We tried to work with the Principal also. The Band Councillors have been trying to straighten out the problems. I wish that whoever has complaints they would complain to the Band office, that would be to either Cecil White or myself. The contractors have already been told either to straighten out or they would not get their money.

ERIC: Regarding this matter I did have communication with the Ministry of Transport and the Band did hold a meeting on the problems. The one lady driver was shown the Ministry regulations which do require her to keep her bus clean and persuaded that this was indeed part of her job as a driver where there were not a large group of buses being kept up by a cleaning crew.

There are two matters left: attendance and the librarian.

SISTER: Concerning attendance, now that the spring weather is here absences have been running as high as 50 to 100 a day and this is very discouraging to the teachers. We would like you to work with your children to encourage them to go to school.

On the matter of the librarian we will be advertising for one and the advertisement will go to the Band. We would be glad to consider anyone from the Band who is qualified for the job.

ERIC: Qualifications would be?

SISTER: Preferably a qualified teacher with special library training. If not that, then a qualified teacher, or finally someone with library experience.

ERIC: The Band will receive notice of this opening.

In trying to sum up the results of tonight's meeting, we may suggest:

- 1) That the Board will support the take-over of the Kindergarten at the Reserve by the Band.
- 2) That the Band is thinking of taking over the Industrial Arts programs and the Home Economics programs and that they should come to some decisions as to how they plan to do this... in what form. Programs in these areas are being developed by the Board for next Fall.
- 3) That both groups will go back and discuss the attendance counsellor and the school lunch programs with their members and see if any

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new ideas come up when we get together again.

(THE GROUP THEN DECIDED TO TAKE A SHORT BREAK WHILE THEY DISCUSSED THE AGENDA TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY CHANGE IN POSITION AS STATED).

ERIC: I would now be prepared to take statements from each group.

STAN C: The Board has really gone out of their way... and I stress the really... to help the Band achieve their long term objectives.

We feel that it is only fair that we remain in control in the areas where we are still responsible.

Thus, we are prepared to support the Band in their take-over of the Kindergarten on the Reserve... this would be perfectly in line with our thinking.

In the other areas we must retain control because it is our responsibility to operate these programs... this would be on points 2, 3 and 4. This is not to say that we will not be ready to accept help or suggestions but we must keep staff on who are doing more than an acceptable job.

We will bring in new proposals in the areas of Home Economics and Industrial Arts, but we feel we must maintain control in the areas for which we are responsible.

CHARLIE: What we have discussed among ourselves is that we feel we have to have another meeting and perhaps we could look into this further so that we can move ahead.

ANDY: If the Board asks you, you could say that we do have the desire to run the school lunch program as well as the others that we discussed. We will need the figures on just what it is costing and other information.

JACK: No problem... I will be glad to supply this information for you. I will write it in a letter to you as soon as I get back from vacation. I'm on vacation, you notice.

ERIC: I can advise you about what our end of the process is like so that you can get a better understanding of the process.

DIANE: I would also inform them about the contracts that we have to have with suppliers and what this means.

JACK: I will supply them with all the factual information that I can.

ERIC: Will you be discussing this with the SWAN committee before you come back to this group?

CHARLIE: Yes.

ERIC: I will have to advise Indian Affairs in Toronto on the take over of the Kindergarten. The SSB will take action on the other proposals also. We should have agreement on a meeting date to get together again. Should the Board and the Band advise me in writing during the next few days so that I can keep you posted through my office?

DIANE: You will get a letter from the KSSB after our meeting tomorrow night.

ERIC: I will inform the Bands of what takes place.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

MR. C. L. POIRIER, CHAIRMAN
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MR. J.G. McMILLAN, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND SECRETARY-TREASURER

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THE KENORA DISTRICT R.C.
SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD

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Mr. M. Rehaluk, Assistant Regional
Director of Education,
Indian and Northern Affairs,
55 St. Clair Avenue East,
5th Floor,
Toronto, Ontario,
M4T 2P8.

Dear Mr. Rehaluk:

FATHER MOSS SCHOOL - SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

This letter will confirm the matters that we have discussed.

The cost of the Sewage Treatment Facility was \$112,345.33 and the Department of Indian Affairs' share of this cost is \$103,357.71 being 184/200ths of the total cost of the project.

The sewage plant was fully operative on September 1, 1974.

Yours very truly,

J.G. McMillan
Business Administrator
& Secretary-Treasurer

JGM/gm

L.C.C. Mr. E. Weigeldt
Indian Affairs
Kenora



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100 - 4th Avenue S.
Kenora, Ontario
May 20, 1976

TO: Members of the Father Moss
Co-operative Advisory Committee

Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence 487/25-11(E)

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E. Weigeldt
District Supt. of Education
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Father Moss School

SUMMARY RE ATTACHED DETAILED MEMO

FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

Ministry of Education now agree in principle to accept our equity, water and sewage installation only, Father Moss School, in amount of approximately \$100,000 (based on telephone conversation R. Steele and Rahaluk, Tuesday, May 18).

Messrs. McGillp and Korchinski, through consultation with Mr. Rodine, recommend our accepting this proposal and that we waive our equity approximately \$80,000 in classroom facilities.

Subject to Treasury Board approval plans and design, ten-room school, can be prepared with construction commencing Spring 1977 and possible completion date September 1978.

Mr. Rodine recommends approval with details respecting implementation to follow.

22 St. Clair Avenue E.
Toronto, Ontario
May 19, 1976

Mr. C. Mackie
Assistant Deputy Minister
Department of Indian Affairs
and Northern Development
Ottawa, Ontario

487/25-11 (E2)

Father Moss School

The Kenora District R.C. Board of Education have agreed in principle to lease the Father Moss School to the Kenora Public School Board with the understanding that revenues from rental would be paid to D.I.A.N.D. to reimburse current Departmental equity in the amount of approximately \$180,000 over a ten-year period. The Ministry of Education had refused to waive the negative grant factor. Since we were not prepared to duplicate facilities Band Council was advised that we could proceed with the construction of an elementary school, Kindergarten to Grade 3, at Whitefish Bay but that children in Grades 4 to 9 must continue to attend the Father Moss School.

Chief Andy White, Grand Council Treaty No. 3, the Kenora District R.C. Board of Education, the Kenora Public Board of Education and Indian Affairs continued to negotiate with the Ministry of Education in an attempt to meet the expectations of the Indian people. The Ministry of Education has now agreed in principle to recognize the sewage and water installation, D.I.A.N.D. contribution, in the amount of \$103,357.71 as separate from the school facilities. This decision would make it possible for our Department to negotiate a rental purchase agreement with the Kenora Public Board of Education and thereby recovering our equity of \$103,357.71 less the 4% per year amortization effective September 1, 1974, over the next 10-year period.

D.I.A.N.D. equity in Father Moss less the cost of water and sewage is an additional amount of approximately \$80,000. Since it appears that the Ministry of Education is prepared to waive the negative

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grant factor with respect to the cost of water and sewage installation, I recommended that D.I.A.N.D. waive surequity of \$80,000 in school facilities and recover the unamortized cost of water and sewage installation.

We have encountered continuous dissatisfaction from the Indian people since 1962 when Indian children were first enrolled at Father Moss under the terms of a joint school agreement. Whitefish Bay, Northwest Angle 33 and Northwest Angle 37 Bands are more determined than ever to obtain instructional facilities for children enrolled from Kindergarten to Grade 9. Each of the Boards of Education, and now the Ministry of Education, by waiving the negative grant factor on the cost of water and sewage facilities, support the request made by the Indian people. My recommendation has been discussed with the A/Director of Education - Operations, and I am pleased to advise that both Mr. McGillp and Mr. Korchinski, in consultation with Mr. Rodine, support this stand. Mr. Rodine recommends that we waive our equity in the school facilities and negotiate a rental purchase agreement to recover our contribution less amortization costs from the Kenora Public Board of Education.

We are in the position to complete plans and design of a ten-room school based on the Onica Lake design and to prepare a Treasury Board submission for approval by July 1, 1976. Should our submission be approved, construction could commence in the early spring of 1977 with a possible completion date for September 1, 1978.

M. Rehaluk
Asst. Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

MR. C. L. POIRIER, CHAIRMAN
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Whitefish Bay Band
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

Attention: Mr. Andy White, Chief

Dear Sirs:

Mr. Alan Crow, teacher-aide at Father Moss School, is no longer our employee. Would you please recommend a person to replace Mr. Crow. The person recommended should be interviewed before being hired by Mr. G. Lafreniere.

Yours very truly,


J.G. McMillan
Business Administrator
& Secretary-Treasurer

JGM/gm

c.c. Mr. E. Weigeldt
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April 23, 1976

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487/25-11-522 (E)

District Supervisor
Kenora District

Father Moss School - Kenora

Further to my telephone conversation with Mr. Weigeldt on April 22, attached for your information is a copy of Mr. Vanderburgh's letter advising that the Ministry of Education is not prepared to waive the negative grant with respect to revenues from the rental of the Father Moss School to the Kenora Public School Board. This decision by the Ministry of Education will not make it possible for us to further pursue plans for a possible 10-room school at Whitefish Bay unless some other alternate arrangements can be made wherein the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board can find means to reimburse DIAND our outstanding equity in Father Moss.

I am concerned that these negotiations have taken until mid-April rather than the February deadline I had mentioned in previous correspondence. I must mention that it may be possible to commence construction of a primary school to accommodate children attending kindergarten to Grade 3 in the Whitefish Bay community this summer if there is no further delay. However, since the band councils are making further presentation to the Ministry of Education, this further delay may mean that no assurance can be given to commence construction of the primary school this summer. Furthermore, should we find that the Ministry of Education respond favourably, it would not be possible to complete the design and commence construction of a 10-room school before the spring of 1977.

The only alternative that I can see to a primary school at this time is the possibility that the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board may consider the possibility of selling the Father Moss School to the Kenora Public School Board. I am aware that present regulations would not make it possible for the Ministry of Education to approve a grant for the construction of another Separate School at Sioux Narrows within a 25-year period. However, I suggest that their chances of receiving such approval may be greater than for the Ministry of Education to waive the negative grant factor. This must be considered as a suggestion only and accepted with the view

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that we do not have the authority to make such a decision but rather as a possible alternative that the Board of Education may wish to consider.

This memorandum must not be interpreted as pressure from this office with respect to an early decision. I would appreciate receiving your comments and recommendations.



M. Rehałuk
Assistant Regional Director
Education - Ontario

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Our file number 113
Your file number 401/25-11-522 (E1)

April 14, 1976.

Dear Mr. Rehaluk:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 22 which you forwarded following our meeting of March 12. The situation regarding the Father Moss School has been reviewed in the Ministry with Mr. R. R. Steele, Regional Director of Education, who is, as you are aware, very conversant with this matter.

I wish to advise you that after reviewing the proposal of the Kenora District Roman Catholic Separate School Board of March 25, 1976, the Ministry is not prepared to waive the negative grant in respect of rental payments that may be received by the Kenora District Roman Catholic Separate School Board, should the School become available for rent.

This decision has been reached as a result of a study of the Agreements that were entered into between the Board and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs for the education of the Indian children. It also reflects the appreciation of the Ministry that the Board does not recognize that the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs has equity in the School.

Yours sincerely,

W. C. Vanderburgh,
Acting Director,
Supervisory Services Branch.

WCV/st

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MR. G. LAFRENIERE, B.A.
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SISTER MARGARET TWOMEY, B.A., B.ED.,
SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL

May 14, 1976

Mr. E. Weigaldt
Kenora Education District
Dept. of Indian Affairs &
Northern Development
Kenora, Ontario

Dear Mr. Weigaldt:

Re: Some items needed and perhaps becoming redundant

May we please request the following items from Cecilia Jeffrey Residence after its closing in June.

- (a) 25 sleeping bags - We would need these for our Outdoor Ed. programme which would continue after the school is on the Reserve.
- (b) 7 or 8 tents - To be used for the same purposes as a)
- (c) The small school van - If this could be done, this van could be attached to our school, then transferred to Whitefish Bay school when it opens. However, we understand that this may not be possible as it's such a large item.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Gerald J. Lafreniere
Gerald J. Lafreniere,
Principal.

GJL/ph

100 - 4th Avenue S.
Kenora, Ontario
April 27, 1976

Chief Andy White
Whitefish Bay Band
PAMITIK P.O., Ontario

487/25-11 (Kenora R.C.S.S.Bd.)
(K)

Dear Chief White:

Re: School Bussing to Father Moss School

Further to our previous conversations with regard to school
bussing I am enclosing copy of a letter from the Principal of
-- Father Moss School to Mr. McMillan.

I would appreciate it very much if your Band Administration
could discuss these complaints with the persons concerned in
order to ensure regular service and regular attendance for
the benefit of the children's education.

Please do not hesitate to call on me if my involvement is re-
quired.

Yours truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
ERIK WEIGELDT

Erik Weigeldt
District Supt. of Education
Kenora District

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April 13, 1976

Mr. J.G. McMillan
Business Administrator
Kenora R.C.S.S. Board
200 First Street North
Kenora, Ontario

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Dear Mr. McMillan:

Re: School Bus - [REDACTED]

I wish to advise you that our attendance at school today is 78 plus 20 gone to Kenora for Shop and Home Ec.

The reason for such a low attendance is because [REDACTED]

Many parents have phoned and complained and there isn't much I can do except advise the chief which I did and our Board. This has happened at least 10 times this year. However, the reasons could be different.

I must add that the above driver has given us extremely poor service all year. Some days he would not show up until 4:15 p.m. when our dismissal is at 3 p.m. It is getting worse and perhaps you can do something to help solve our problem.

Sincerely yours,

Gerald J. Lafreniere
Gerald J. Lafreniere,
Principal.

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Attached are copies of the minutes of the meeting re: Father Mass School

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A meeting between representatives of the Whitefish Bay Band, the Department of Indian Affairs and the Ministry of Education was held on Friday, March 12, 1976 in the Delegation Room of the Mowat Block at Queen's Park at 2:00 p.m.

Those attending the meeting:

Whitefish Bay Band

- Mr. Andy White, Chief
- Ms. Ann Graveson
- Mr. Joseph Tom, Councillor-member of R.C.S.S. Board

Northwest Angle #33 Band

- Mr. Charlie Nash

Kenora District R.C.S.S. Board

- Mr. Jack McMillan

Department of Indian Affairs

- Mr. Brian Christie, Area planner, Kenora
- Mr. Erik Weigeldt, Dist. Supt. of Educ., Kenora
- Mr. Michael Rehaluk, Asst. Reg. Dir., Toronto

Ministry of Education

- Mr. W. C. VanderBurgh, Chairman
- Mr. R. F. Lawton
- Mr. Robert Hunter
- Mr. Gerry MacMartin
- Mr. Keith Lickers, Recorder

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the representatives. Since no actual agenda had been provided to identify the discussion issues he asked Mr. White, Chief of the Whitefish Bay Band, to briefly describe the purpose of the meeting. Mr. White stated that the meeting was called to deal with the Father Moss School at Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

He continued by making the following points:

- . purpose of building the school was to bring Indians and whites together
- . began to have problems at the outset
- . there were no Grade 13 graduates
- . want school on Reserve instead of busing children because of the distance
- . white people took their children out of school
- . this action left the school as 99% Indian
- . 200 students now at school
- . 3 Bands want to work something out (Whitefish Bay, N.W. Angle #33, N.W. Angle #37)
- . 3 Bands want a new school at Whitefish Bay
- . they want to take their students out of Sioux Narrows
- . they want DIAND to sell their equity
- . DIAND has told the Bands that the only way they can build a school would be if they can sell their equity
- . reason for the meeting - the Bands want the Ministry to act on the situation so they can get their school

Mr. Rehaluk gave some background information to the situation:

school was built through a Father Moss in 1960

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- . expansion of school in 1962 cost \$191,000 - DIAND share through capital agreement - \$95,000
- . further expansion in 1964 - DIAND share through capital agreement - \$35,000
- . further expansion in 1967 - DIAND share through capital agreement - \$6,000
- . further expansion in 1971 - DIAND share through capital agreement - \$21,000
- . further expansion in 1973 - DIAND share through capital agreement - \$98,000
- . school was built by former Sioux Narrows S.S. Board and D.I.A.N.D.
- . there are now 230 students at Father Moss School
- . it is now all Indian with exception of 6 or 7 - none from Sioux Narrows
- . there were 30 from the community at amalgamation
- . the parents have since withdrawn their children
- . each capital agreement superceded the previous capital agreement
- . D.I.A.N.D. will not duplicate services in the area by building a school on the Reserve when they are already buying accommodation at Father Moss
- . he is prepared to authorize construction of school in Spring of 1976 on Reserve for K-Gr. 4
- . D.I.A.N.D. currently pays for 115 spaces - considered a base figure

Mr. J. McMillan then added the following information:

- . title to the school rests with the Kenora District S.S. Board
- . this Board is only entity that can claim equity of the school
- . thinks that D.I.A.N.D. and P.S. Board have only an investment in the school
- . last summer the Indian people presented a brief to the Kenora District S.S. Board
- . brief was presented on July 9, 1975 which stated
 - Indian people wanted complete control of their education
 - wanted to establish facilities on the Reserve
- . the S.S. Board passed a resolution agreeing with the Indians right to control
- . the Board realized they had a problem and have discussed a possible solution to the situation
 - the Kenora Board of Education need an extra school
 - students from Sioux Narrows currently are bused to Kenora
 - forecast enrolment for next year indicates a need for another bus
 - the Kenoard Board could utilize Father Moss School

The discussion that followed brought the crux of the matter to light.

- . the Kenora Board of Education could lease Father Moss School from the S.S. Board
- . could be a 10-year lease

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- . Kenora Board needs approval from Ministry of Education to pay such rent money
- . Kenora District S.S. Board needs approval to pay rent money to D.I.A.N.D.
- . Kenora District S.S. Board does not want to abandon Sioux Narrows from having a Separate school
- . whole matter is now with Mr. R. Steele, Regional Director
- . Kenora District S.S. Board would like to dispose of the school without being penalized.

It was also pointed out that neither the Kenora District S. S. Board or D.I.A.N.D. want to break the agreement - the Indian people are breaking it. Further, that D.I.A.N.D. will only build a school if they can recover their money from the Separate School Board.

It was stressed by D.I.A.N.D. that the Kenora District S.S. Board are obliged to educate the Indian children and the S. S. Board is legally bound to pay the amortized portion to D.I.A.N.D.

The point was also made that the Public School Board does not need a school that is the size of Father Moss School.

At this juncture, it was reiterated by D.I.A.N.D. that:

- . D.I.A.N.D. is prepared to receive \$180,000 for its "equity"
- . D.I.A.N.D. is prepared to continue to use 115 as base for accommodation at Father Moss School
- . D.I.A.N.D. is prepared to build a school to accommodate 200 students on Reserve
- . no construction by D.I.A.N.D. for such a school until it recovers the investment it currently has in Father Moss School

The predicament of the Separate School Board was then outlined:

- . Separate School Board would consequently have to abandon Sioux Narrows
- . Separate School Board must offer Father Moss School to Kenora Board of Education
- . Separate School Board took over School 7 years ago and has been millstone ever since
- . Separate School Board presently needs adequate teacherages to attract and keep good teachers for the School
- . the Father Moss School is now hopelessly overcrowded.

In recapping the meeting, the Chairman summarized the complexities of the situation to verify that everything that was mentioned during the course of this meeting was fully understood by all in attendance and to verify how he perceived the problem.

Mr. VanderBurgh then asked Mr. McMillan to get the Kenora District R.C.S.S. Board to forward their proposal to

- 1) the Kenora Board of Education, and
- 2) to the Mowat Block, to the attention of Mr. VanderBurgh, as well as copies of the capital agreements that are currently in force.

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Mr. Rehaluk then offered to forward a letter to Mr. VanderBurgh that would outline the position of D.I.A.N.D. in the matter. Mr. VanderBurgh agreed that such action would be in order and asked Mr. Rehaluk to do so.

The Chairman then concluded the meeting that action toward a solution would begin in the Ministry after the correspondence from Mr. Rehaluk and the Kenora District R.C.S.S. Board arrived with Mr. VanderBurgh. All in attendance mutually agreed that that would be the next step towards effecting a solution and the meeting ended.

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WHITEFISH BAY BAND No. 32A

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March 5, 1976

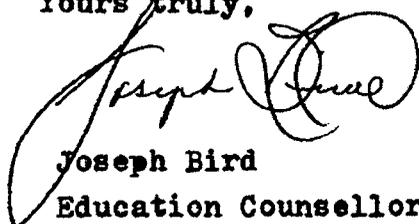
Mr. E. Weigeldt,
District Superintendent of Education,
Dept. of Indian Affairs & Northern Development,
100 - 4th Avenue South,
Kenora, Ontario

Dear Sir;

Attached find a B.C.R. stating the Band Council's request for funding for an Attendance Counsellor. It is the best interests to the Band and its members to establish one as the Band Council feels it would help attendance records in the schools if the person were from the Whitefish Bay Community. The idea to have a local person to fill the requirements who would be more understanding to the family situations and problems shows that the Band wish to take more initiative to allow more control for their children's education. The person would be available for consultation to the Band Education Staff and Band Council at a moments notice and would be more easily to communicate with the parents and pupils if the person were from the reserve.

As for the present Attendance Counsellor from Father Moss School, we appreciate the services rendered thus far, however, the Band feels it would be better for the community and the people if the person were from within the community.

Thank you,
Yours truly,



Joseph Bird
Education Counsellor
c.c. Kenora Separate School Board

MR. C. L. POIRIER, CHAIRMAN
SISTER M. TWOMEY, B.A., B.ED., SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL
MR. J. G. McMILLAN, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND
SECRETARY-TREASURER

THE KENORA DISTRICT R.C.
SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD

AREA CODE 807 468-9851 — 200 FIRST STREET NORTH — KENORA, ONTARIO P9N 2K4

March 25th, 1976

Mr. W.C. VanderBurgh, B.A., B.Paed.,
Acting Director Supervisory Services,
Ministry of Education,
Mowat Block, Queen's Park,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

RE: FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

At a meeting held on March 12, 1976, in the Mowat Block, it was suggested that our Board put forward a proposal to the Ministry of Education regarding Father Moss School.

At a meeting held on March 24, 1976, The Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS by a resolution approved on September 24, 1975, The Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board accepted the long-term objective of the Whitefish Bay and Northwest Angle Bands as stated in their brief of July 9, 1975, which objective is to take complete control of the education of their children and establish all necessary school facilities at Whitefish Bay Reserve,

AND WHEREAS the Department of Indian Affairs has provided 115 pupil places at Father Moss School and have indicated that they will not duplicate the provision of these pupil places on the Whitefish Bay Reserve, and

WHEREAS the Kenora Board of Education has indicated some interest in acquiring Father Moss School.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board commit itself to a willingness to lease Father Moss School to the Kenora Board of Education, and to use the rental payments to pay the Department of Indian Affairs the unamortized portion of the 115 pupil places that they have provided in Father Moss School, provided that the Ministry of Education waives the negative grant factor in respect of the rental payments.

As requested, we are enclosing copies of agreements between our Board and the Department of Indian Affairs as follows:

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Mr. W. C. VanderBurgh
Ministry of Education

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1. Agreement #576 dated May 23, 1973

By this Agreement, Indian Affairs agreed to pay 184/200th of the cost of sewage treatment facilities.

Clauses 7 and 8 of the Agreement specifically provide for repayment to Indian Affairs only if the Board terminates the Agreement. Our Board has never given notice of termination and has no intention of giving such notice. We are simply trying to cooperate with the Indian people because we believe that they have the right to control the education of their children.

2. Agreement #522 dated February 18, 1971

By this Agreement, Indian Affairs agreed to pay 174/200th of the cost of converting a manual arts shop in the annex building into classroom accommodation, and of the cost of remodelling two teacherages.

The Board agreed to accept up to 174 Indian pupils, but it was clearly understood that Indian Affairs was not purchasing any additional pupil places in the school.

3. Agreement #194 dated March 16, 1964

Although this Agreement was replaced by Agreement #522, it is the latest Agreement on an addition to the Father Moss School building and it is the latest Agreement under which Indian Affairs paid for pupil places in the School.

Indian Affairs has acknowledged that they have provided for 115 pupil places and they have paid pupil accommodation charges on all pupils in excess of 115.

Higher ratios were used in subsequent agreements for the purpose of producing a higher contribution from Indian Affairs.

We shall be pleased to furnish any additional information which may be required.

Yours very truly,



J.G. McMillan,
Business Administrator
& Secretary-Treasurer.

- cc's: Mr. R.R. Steele, Ministry of Education
- Mr. M. Chochla, Ministry of Education
- Mr. E. Weigeldt, Indian Affairs ✓
- Mr. M. Rehaluk, Indian Affairs
- Mr. J. Tom, Whitefish Bay
- Mr. A. White, Whitefish Bay
- Mr. D.K. Hay, Kenora Board of Education

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AGREEMENT NO. 576

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this 23rd day of May 1973.

BETWEEN HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN in right of Canada
hereinafter called 'Her Majesty'

OF THE FIRST PART

AND KENORA SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD in the Province
of Ontario hereinafter called 'the Board'

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the Board has agreed to provide the accommodation described in this Agreement, which accommodation is necessary for the education of Indian children and to accept Indian children for enrolment in the Father Moss School.

WHEREAS the Board estimates the cost of providing that accommodation will be \$80,000.00 including construction and equipment.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES that, in consideration of the covenants and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties covenant and agree that:

1. In this Agreement
 - (a) 'Minister' means the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development,
 - (b) 'Present accommodation' means the School as it exists at the time this Agreement is executed,
 - (c) 'New accommodation' means school facilities, including equipment, not in existence at the time this agreement is executed, and
 - (d) 'School' means the Father Moss School.
2. The Board shall admit to the School up to the total number of Indian children mentioned in section 3 and provide the following new accommodation, namely, a sewage disposal system, construction to be commenced on or before the 15th day of June, 1973, and the Board to furnish the Minister with a copy of the construction contract as soon as it has been executed.

- 6. Either party may terminate this Agreement at the end of any school year by giving written notice of termination to the other party at least twelve months before the date of termination.
- 7. If the Board gives notice of termination pursuant to section 6 the Board shall within three months after it has given that notice repay to the Minister an amount equal to the payment made to the Board by the Minister under section 4 reduced by one-twenty-fifth (1/25) of that amount for each full year that this Agreement will have been in force at the time that notice of termination is given.
- 8. The Minister may
 - (a) postpone the date by which the Board is required by section 7 to make the repayment mentioned in that section.
 - (b) allow the Board to make that repayment in installments, or
 - (c) both postpone that date and allow repayment in installments.
 - (d) enter into negotiations with the Board regarding alternative arrangements for compensation satisfactory to the Minister.

IN WITNESSES WHEREOF the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has hereunto set his hand and seal on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Canada and the Board has executed this Agreement by the hands and seals of its proper officers duly authorized in that behalf.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED
in the presence of

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN right of
Canada

Minister of Indian Affairs and
Northern Development

Board

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AGREEMENT NO. 522

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this 18th day of February 1971.

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 KENORA DISTRICT ROMAN CATHOLIC
SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD, in the Province
of Ontario hereinafter called "the Board".

OF THE SECOND PART

WHEREAS the parties hereto entered into previous written Agreements:

- (a) Agreement No. 136 - dated March 10, 1962 on behalf of 80 Indian pupils at a cost of \$95,008.00 to the Department,
- (b) Agreement No. 194 - dated March 16, 1964 on behalf of an additional 35 Indian pupils at a cost of \$35,446.76 to the Department,
- (c) Agreement No. 323 - dated February 8, 1967 at a cost of \$6,268.71 to the Department.

AND WHEREAS the Board is renovating classroom accommodation in order to provide improved facilities for its kindergarten programme and is remodelling two teacherages at the Father Moss School at an estimated cost of \$22,000.00.

AND WHEREAS the enrolment will be 174 Indian pupils in a total enrolment of 200 in the School.

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 $174/200$ ths x \$22,000.00 an amount not to exceed \$19,140.00 under this Agreement.
2. The contribution referred to above shall be paid as follows:
One-third on presentation of evidence that a contract has been awarded and the balance of the cost to be paid on presentation of progress of work or completion of the project to the satisfaction of the Minister.

I have read the above Agreement and understand the nature of the project. On behalf of the Indian people concerned with this school program we concur with the arrangements in this contract and the participation of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in this Joint School Agreement.

Chief, Whitefish Bay Band
.....
Title

Original signed by Andy White
.....
Signature

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AGREEMENT NO. 194

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT made this 16th day of March 1964.

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 entered into a written agreement dated March 10th, 1962, whereby the Board, in consideration of a contribution of \$86,026. made to it by the Minister towards the cost of construction of the Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows, Ontario, agreed to accept each year eighty (80) children of Indian status for enrolment in the said School.

WHEREAS the Board has made certain additions to the said School at an estimated cost of \$58,000. and the Minister has agreed to pay to the Board towards the cost of these additions, the sum of \$29,000, and

WHEREAS the Board has agreed to accept for enrolment each year in the Father Moss School, Sioux Narrows, Ontario, under its jurisdiction and control (hereinafter called the 'School') an additional 35 Indian pupils residing on the Whitefish and Sabaskong Reserves.

NOW THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSETH that the parties hereto hereby covenant and agree each with the other as follows:

1. The Board shall
 - (a) accept for enrolment each year in the School, those children of Indian status who are designated by the Superintendent of the Kenora Agency for enrolment, but the Board shall not be required to accept for enrolment more than 115 children of Indian status in any one year;



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TORONTO, Ontario M4T 2P8
March 22, 1976

W. C. Vanderburgh
Superintendent of Supervision
Ministry of Education
16th floor
Mowat Block
TORONTO, Ontario

Your file Votre référence

Our file Notre référence 401/25-11-522 (E1)

Dear Mr. Vanderburgh:

This will refer to the follow up requested by your Ministry as a result of the March 19th meeting between the Whitefish Bay Indian Band, D.I.A.N.D. and Ministry of Education officials.

The topic under discussion at that time was Father Moss School at Sioux Narrows. In the late fifties this school was built by provincial authorities and the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development provided capital funding based on the ratio of Indian students enrolled. Over the years, several additions have been made to the school and upon each occasion, the Department added to their investment based upon the number of Indian students enrolled. With the advent of the larger school districts in Ontario, the school came under the jurisdiction of the Kenora District R. C. Separate School Board. The enrolment of the school was 90 to 95 per cent Indian until the early 1970's when the non Indian people withdrew almost totally from the school. There has been dissatisfaction on the part of the Indian people and this feeling increased when almost all non Indian students withdrew and the original purposes of joint schooling no longer applied. This situation, coupled with administration by a Board from Kenora and the aspirations of the Indian people to pursue the principles of the National Indian Brotherhood Policy of native control of their education programs, has led to requests for our Department to provide the required education facilities on the reserve.

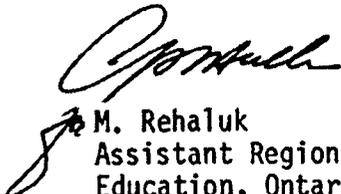
Our Department is not in a position to duplicate services already provided at Father Moss School. For this reason we cannot build facilities for grades 1 to 10 on the reserve unless the Department investment in Father Moss School can be recovered from provincial authorities. With this in mind, we are presently negotiating with the

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local school Board to explore avenues whereby the Boards can repay our department's investment in this school and thus permit us to utilize these funds to build a school on the reserve.

This will confirm my statement of our meeting to the effect that I am prepared to authorize the construction of a federal school for kindergarten to grade 3 with commencement of construction in the Spring of 1976. I am also prepared to approve construction of up to a 10 room school to accommodate all Indian children at Father Moss School but cannot make this decision until such time that I am advised that our investment can be recovered. As mentioned at the meeting, the recovery of the Department of the Indian Affairs & Northern Development investment can be amortized over a ten year period...

I trust the information provided will assist your Ministry in their deliberations on this situation.


M. Rehaluk
Assistant Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

Mail to →

- c.c. District Manager
Kenora District
- c.c. Administrator
Kenora R.C. Separate School Board

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TORONTO, Ontario M4T 2P8
February 19, 1976

Director of Education - Operations
D.I.A.N.D., Ottawa

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Father Moss School
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I believe you are aware that the delivery of educational services at Father Moss has been a controversial issue for the last five or six years. Whitefish Bay Band and the smaller Bands in the area have expressed their dissatisfaction with the education program offered at Father Moss and have been working toward local control of Indian education for the last three years. The Bands concerned are determined that the Capital Agreement between D.I.A.N.D. and the Kenora R. C. District Board of Education be terminated and that a new elementary school be constructed at Whitefish Bay. The Board of Education, my Regional Director and I fully endorse Band Council's request and have indicated our full support in assisting them to achieve their goal. I would prefer the Board being able to repay D.I.A.N.D. our present equity in Father Moss School but under the circumstances I must recommend that favourable consideration be given to the possibility of accepting the anticipated proposal from the Board which will suggest repayment of departmental equity from proceeds of a lease arrangement over the next ten year period.

*Informed
and written by
telephone 2/15*

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M. Rehaluk
Assistant Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

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M. Rehaluk
Assistant Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

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Mail to → c.c. District Supervisor
Kenora District

100 - 4th Avenue South,
Kenora, Ontario.
February 24, 1976.

Mr. M. Rahuluk,
Assistant Regional Director (Education)
Ontario Region

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Housetrainers - Father Moss School

—The enclosed memo concerning defects in the three trailers
supplied on loan to the Father Moss School Establishment
in September 1975 speaks for itself.

It would be appreciated if you could direct this
complaint to the proper authorities for follow-up.

Encl.

E. Weigeldt,
District Supt. of Education,
Kenora District.

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Father Moss School
Sioux Narrows

Further to my letter dated January 13, 1976, I would appreciate receiving information regarding further developments in the current negotiations between the Kenora R.C. Board of Education and the Kenora Public School Board with respect to their sale of the Father Moss School. It should be noted that Chief A. White had telephoned me advising that he was attempting to arrange a meeting with the Minister of Education, Ontario. I suggested that such a meeting should be arranged through Mr. Bob Steele, Ministry of Education, Thunder Bay since it was not likely that the Minister would be in a position to render a final decision.

I will continue in my attempts to contact Mr. Steele but would very much appreciate receiving specific information regarding developments to date.

Please give this matter your early attention.

M. Rehaluk
Assistant Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

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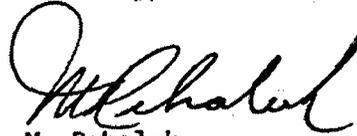
District Supervisor
Kenora DistrictFather Moss School
Sioux Narrows

This is in reference to previous correspondence and discussions related to the Kenora R.C. District Board of Education purchasing Departmental equity in the Father Moss School. I am aware that the Kenora R.C. Board of Education have had several meetings with the Kenora Public School Board, with Indian representation from each of the three Reserves from which children are presently enrolled at the Father Moss School. I would appreciate your advising me indicating developments to-date and your recommendations outlining the next steps that must be taken in resolving the current issues.

Should you find that the Kenora Public School Board may be in a position to purchase the Father Moss School from the Kenora R.C. Separate School Board, we may be placed in a position of having to provide educational facilities at Whitefish Bay by September, 1978. Should this be the case, it is vital that immediate action be taken with respect to water and sewage plus the design of new facilities at Whitefish Bay. We have identified the plan for the new school on the Onion Lake Reserve, Saskatchewan as a design that should meet our requirements at Whitefish Bay. This design will require several modifications and, hence, a lead time of from 4 to 5 months before the Department of Public Works would be in a position to commence school construction. This letter must not be interpreted as a commitment that construction will start in the summer of 1976, but rather a commitment that every effort would be made to commence construction at the earliest possible date should we find that the Kenora R.C. Separate School District Board of Education will be purchasing our equity in Father Moss.

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Your early attention to our request indicating the current status in negotiations and your recommendations will be appreciated.



M. Rehaluk
Assistant Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

*Copies to Tom
and Jack McMillan*

January 2, 1976

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Kenora D.R.C. Separate S.B.

NOTES TO FILE

The following Band Representatives met on Tuesday, December 23, 1975, at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Federal Building, Kenora:

Mr. Sam Copenace
Mr. Andy White
Mr. Charlie Nash
Mr. Cecil White
Mr. Joe Tom

Representing the Department were:

Mr. E. Weigeldt, Dist. Supt. Education
Mr. Brian Christie, Area Planner

E. Weigeldt informed the group of the outcome of the meeting of the two Kenora Boards of Education on December 10, 1975, as follows:

According to Sr. Twomey and Mr. Ken Hay the two Boards agreed to form a committee that will study the possibility of operating Father Moss School jointly (Board of Education and Separate School Board). The Committee will start to function in January.

If a Joint School between these two Boards will not come about then the Separate School Board will offer Father Moss School outright to the Kenora Board of Education.

The Kenora Board of Education in the meantime is exploring with the Ministry of Education availability of a grant for new school facilities at Sioux Narrows - the only way to enable the Board of Education to purchase pupil spaces in Father Moss which will allow the Separate School Board to repay the D.I.A.N.D.

The Band representatives were also informed of Mr. M. Rehaluk's message:

- 1) Budget allocations for 1976-77 are so limited - it will not be likely that any new school construction projects can be started 1976-77.
- 2) The allocations are only sufficient to complete projects presently under construction.
- 3) Whitefish Bay is one of the three top priorities for Mr. Rehaluk - However, no commitment as to date can be made.

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Mr. Cecil White stated that Whitefish Bay Band cannot wait from year to year and cannot accept that the construction date be postponed each time a school on another reserve burns down.

The Band wants a definite commitment.

Mr. Brian Christie read and explained F.P. Roscoe's letter re shared financing of water and sewage services dated December 10, 1975 (copy attached).

Meeting

A Joint Father Moss Co-op Advisory Committee/should be scheduled for the week of January 12, 1976.

Erle Weigelt

100 - 4th Avenue S.
Kenora, Ontario
December 29, 1975

Sr. M. Twomey
Kenora District
R.C. Separate School Board
200 - 1st St. N.
Kenora, Ontario

487/25-11 (E)
Kenora D. R.C.S.S.B.

Dear Sister Twomey:

- I am enclosing four booklets "Ojibwe Poems and Rhymes"
for distribution to the Indian Classroom Assistants at
St. Mary's and Father Moss Schools. I hope that they
will be able to use them in their classes.

Yours truly,



Erik Weigandt
District Supt. of Education
Kenora District

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FATHER MOSS SCHOOL
FILE #7 487/25-11 KEN D.R.C. SEPARATE

1. BOTH KEN BRDS OF EDUC MET ONE WK EARLIER DEC 10
DECIDED FORMING COMMITTEE TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF OPERATING
FA. MOSS JOINTLY - WILL MEET JAN/76

2. KEN BD OF EDUC IS CONSULTING WITH MIN OF EDUC RE:
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100 - 4th Avenue South,
Kenora, Ontario,
December 11, 1975.

Principal,
Father Moss School,
Sioux Narrows, Ontario.

487/25-11 (E)
Kenora D.R.C.S.S.B.

Dear Mr. Lafreniere,

—I hope that your classroom assistants can make use of the enclosed Ojibway Language Booklets although they originated on Manitoulin Island where the Ojibway dialect may differ from the local.

Yours truly,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
ERIK WEIGELDT

Erik Weigeldt,
District Supt.
of Education,
Kenora District.

encl.

100 - 4th Avenue S.
Kenora, Ontario
December 11, 1975

All Members of the
Father Ness Co-operative
Advisory Committee

487/25-11 (E)
Kenora Dist. R.C. School Bd.

- Please receive enclosed minutes of the meeting held on
November 20, 1975, at the Kenora District R.C. Separate
School Board Office.

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee will be scheduled
after the Separate School Board had opportunity to decide
on an "agreement in principle" as stated in the attached minutes.

This decision cannot be expected until December 17, 1975.

Yours sincerely,

Erik Weigelt
Chairman

encl.

c.c. Mr. M. Bahaluk

MINUTES OF THE FATHER MOSS COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, AT THE KENORA DISTRICT R.C. SEPARATE SCHOOL
BOARD OFFICE

In attendance:

Indian Affairs & Northern Development	- M. Rehaluk
	- E. Weigeldt
Ministry of Education	- R. Steele
	- M. Chochla
Indian Bands	- C. White
	- S. Copenace
	- C. Nash
Kenora District R.C.S.S. Board	- H. Favreau
	- S. Clark
	- K. Swirhun
	- D. Pochallo
	- R. Prefontaine
	- J. Tom
	- E. Dion
	- J.G. McMillan
	- Sister M. Twomey

S. Clark, Board's Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order. He said that Messrs. Rehaluk and Steele were invited to Kenora to discuss the long-term objective of the Bands to take complete control of the education of their children and establish their own facilities on the Reserve.

J. Tom requested an explanation from Mr. Rehaluk as to why plans for the construction of a K - 3 school on the Reserve have been postponed.

Mr. Rehaluk took the opportunity to express apologies to the Board on behalf of Indian Affairs for the inconvenience caused due to the late arrival of the trailers at Father Moss. Mr. Rehaluk said that since Indian Affairs already have equity in Father Moss school for 135 pupil places the Minister will not authorize duplication of facilities and build a K - 10 school on the Reserve. Mr. Rehaluk advised that Indian Affairs fully supports the request of Band Council to assume control of Indian education and they are open to negotiate. He suggested that perhaps the Board might purchase Indian Affairs' equity in Father Moss school.

Mr. Steele advised that the Province has no equity in the school. The property belongs to the Board and that there was no question as to whether anyone had any equity but the Board. However, before the Board is given authority to sell the school, they must agree that they will not require any school facility to replace that building for the next 20 years. If the Board declares the building surplus to their needs, the building must first be offered to another school board in that area. If the other school board does not need the building, it would have to be offered to the Municipality, then to a Provincial service or Ministry, and then it could be offered to a Federal ministry.

Mr. Rehaluk said that if the public school board does not require the facilities, then Indian Affairs are committed to having a minimum of 135 students enrolled at Father Moss. If the community of Sioux Narrows require the school and negotiate the purchasing of Indian Affairs equity, within a two-year period Indian Affairs would try to work toward the construction of a K - 10 school on the Reserve.

November 20, 1975

Mr. Rehaluk said that Indian Affairs are prepared to approve temporary facilities for a K - 3 school on the Reserve and have it ready for next fall to overcome crowded conditions at Father Moss. He also said that perhaps an agreement could be worked out where teachers could commute from the Father Moss complex to the Reserve, due to the fact that there is no water or sewage on the Reserve for trailers. Temporary facilities could consist of portable houses on the site presently reserved for a K - 10 school. When these classrooms are no longer required they could be converted into teacherages.

Mr. Rehaluk said that Indian Affairs cannot be flexible with regard to the 135 pupil spaces purchased at Father Moss school. Indian Affairs will not duplicate school facilities, therefore, Indian Affairs must be reimbursed for the unamortized portion of their investment in Father Moss school, if they are to build a K - 10 school on the Reserve.

Mr. Rehaluk said that Indian Affairs could, however, be flexible with regard to the dollar amount of their investment. He suggested that perhaps Indian Affairs and the Board could come up with a figure to see if we can reach an agreement in principle on a cost figure to relieve the Board of its obligation to accommodate 135 students. He said that the dollar figure would have to be acceptable to both Indian Affairs and the Board, because it was never the intention that the Board be out-of-pocket for having done business with Indian Affairs. The Board could then speak to the Kenora Board of Education to ascertain if they are interested in buying the school. Construction could then begin on a new school on the Reserve. Mr. Rehaluk suggested that the Board write a letter to Indian Affairs indicating their intention in this regard.

Mr. Rehaluk advised that the trailers presently used by the teachers at Father Moss for accommodation were initially planned to be on loan for a one-year period and used for a construction camp next year. He advised he would approach the Minister to explore the possibility of leaving the trailers for one more year.

The Board asked Mr. Rehaluk to provide a teacher-aide for the Kindergarten classroom on the Whitefish Bay Reserve. Mr. Rehaluk said that there was a possibility that funds are available because Mr. Weigeldt had budgeted for tuition fees for certain Children's Aid pupils who are the responsibility of the Ministry of Education. He said, however, that these requests would be greatly simplified if only the Board and the Indian Bands would negotiate and sign a very simple tuition fee agreement, with the appropriate addendums for extra services such as teacher-aides. He said that it was most important that such an agreement become effective as soon as possible because it provides Indian Affairs with the necessary authority to pay tuition fees and the cost of extra services.

Mr. Rehaluk summed up commitments as follows:

- Indian Affairs to advise the Board re the possibility of loaning trailers at Father Moss for one more year
- Mr. Steele and Mr. Rehaluk to meet with the Minister in Toronto to discuss the situation further
- The Board to forward a letter to Indian Affairs that an agreement in principle might be reached with respect to the 135 pupil spaces at Father Moss school

November 20, 1975

- . Indian Chiefs meet and advise if they are prepared to have Grades 1-2-3 at Father Moss or temporary facilities on the Reserve
- . Once an agreement in principle is reached, Indian Affairs are prepared to proceed immediately with plans to design and construct a new school at Whitefish Bay subject to availability of capital in future years.

S. Clark and E. Weigeldt will communicate prior to December 15th to determine a date for the next Father Moss Advisory Committee meeting.

Kenora, December 2, 1975

Mr. M. Rehaluk
Asst. Regional Director
Education, Ontario

487/25-11 (B)
Kenora R.C. Separate School Bd.

Kenora District R.C. Separate
School Board - Father Moss School

Mr. J. McMillan, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board, informed me today as follows:

- 1) The Board discussed briefly various proposals concerning the future of Father Moss School which were made during the joint meeting (Bands, Board, Ministry of Education, and Indian Affairs) on November 20th in Kenora, and decided to devote the Board meeting on December 10 to these questions.
- 2) The Father Moss Committee of the R.C. Separate Board will then meet on December 17th with a Committee of the Kenora Board of Education to find out whether this Board will consider utilization of Father Moss School.
- 3) After this meeting the R.C. Separate Board will be able to advise our Department whether there is agreement in principle that the R.C. Separate Board purchase the Federal Government's investment in Father Moss School.

Chief Andy White let me know that he will be in Ottawa the week of December 8th and that he will contact me during the week of December 15th to follow up on the joint meeting of November 20th.

I will keep you informed on further development.

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
ERIK WEIGELDT

Erik Weigeldt
District Supt. of Education
Kenora District

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MR. C. L. POIRIER, CHAIRMAN
SISTER M. TWOMEY, B.A., B.ED., SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL
MR. J. G. McMILLAN, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR AND SECRETARY-TREASURER

THE KENORA DISTRICT R.C.
SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD

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Memorandum to All Trustees
From J.G. McMillan
Date August 18, 1975
Subject VALUATION OF FIXED ASSETS
AT FATHER MOSS SCHOOL

The following is a schedule of costs of fixed assets to December 31, 1974 located at Sioux Narrows.

Land and improvements thereto	\$ 26,401.55
Buildings	
School and annex	238,819.09
Teacherages (No. 1, 2 & 3)	45,092.85
Rink	1,895.30
Teacherage trailers (No. 1 & 2)	12,428.22
Waterline and sewage treatment facility	124,935.52
Truck and snowplough	3,675.00
Furniture and equipment (Note #1)	32,646.80
	<hr/> 485,894.33
Classroom trailers (No. 1 & 2) (Note #2)	19,055.00
	<hr/> \$504,949.33

Note #1 - Furniture and equipment \$32,646.80

This item includes the cost of items that were moved from Sioux Narrows to Kenora (i.e. industrial arts equipment) but does not include the cost of maintenance shop equipment which was moved from Kenora to Sioux Narrows.

Also not included are several items of audio visual equipment, the cost of which is assigned to the AV department rather than to individual schools.

Note #2 - Classroom trailers \$19,055.00

This item does not include set up costs, shelving, etc. I would estimate these costs at \$2,000. A more precise estimate will be made at a later date, if necessary, but will not likely be more accurate since most of the work was done by our own employees and no record kept of the hours involved.

Sunalta Appraisals Ltd. did an appraisal for insurance purposes of all fixed assets owned by the Board. Their report was received on July 31, 1975 and may be summarized as follows as it relates to Father Moss School:

	New Replacement Value	Depreciated Value
Buildings		
School building	\$359,240.00	\$285,835.00
Annex building	69,725.00	56,410.00
Duplex teacherage (No. 1 & 2)	61,188.00	52,267.00
Teacherage (No. 3)	24,279.00	20,750.00
Pump House	2,041.00	1,999.00
Total buildings	516,473.00	417,261.00
Trailers and Sewage Plant		
Teacherage trailer No. 1 (incl. contents)	11,500.00	6,000.00
Teacherage trailer No. 2 (incl. contents)	14,000.00	7,000.00
Special education trailer	11,500.00	6,000.00
Library trailer	11,500.00	10,350.00
Sewage treatment plant - allowance (Note #1)	25,000.00	25,000.00
Total trailers and sewage plant allowance	73,500.00	54,350.00
Contents		
School building	54,245.30	29,173.96
Annex building	11,130.70	7,356.51
Duplex teacherage (No. 1 & 2)	5,516.45	3,961.03
Teacherage (No. 3)	3,178.90	2,295.74
Pump House	17,000.00	8,640.00
Special education trailer	1,408.95	1,037.96
Library trailer	17,328.25	9,760.43
Total contents	109,808.55	62,225.63
Total appraisal (Note #2)	\$699,781.55	\$533,836.63
Note #1 - Sewage treatment - allowance	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00

No proper appraisal could be made of this item at the time the appraiser was in Sioux Narrows. Although the appraiser was aware that the cost of this item was in excess of \$100,000, he felt that an allowance of \$25,000 was adequate for insurance purposes because most of the value is in concrete, etc. below ground and not likely to be damaged by fire.

Note #2 - Total appraisal **\$699,781.55** **\$533,836.63**

These figures do not include a value for land and improvements thereto which have cost \$26,401.55, the truck and snowplough which cost \$3,675.00, the rink which cost \$1,895.30, or a proper value of the sewage treatment facility as explained in Note #1 above.

Memorandum to All Trustees

August 18, 1975

The Department of Indian Affairs has been billed a total of \$283,404, toward the cost of fixed assets at Father Moss School as follows:

Prior to December 31, 1968 (per DIA)	\$142,517
Remodelling Manual Arts Building and Teacherages	21,774
Teacherage Trailers, Truck and Snow plough, Central Antenna T.V. System and Rink.	20,724
Sewage Treatment Facility	<u>98,389</u>
	<u>\$283,404</u>

In addition to the above payments, the Department of Indian Affairs has paid rent on the two classroom trailers in an amount equal to the payments made by the Board on its lease agreement.

Indebtedness on Father Moss School at December 31, 1975 will total \$66,141.00 as follows:

	<u>Principal Outstanding at December 31/75</u>	<u>Eligible for Grant</u>
By-Law #3	\$33,300	66.67%
6	5,500	nil
21	17,250	68.97%
Ch1	<u>10,091</u>	nil
	<u>\$66,141</u>	

JGM/gm

c.c. Sister M. Twomey
Mr. M. Chochla



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October 23, 1975

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District Supervisor
Kenora District

Band Council Resolution No. 29
Whitefish Bay Band No. 32A

Band Council Resolution No. 29 -
Northwest Angle Band No. 33

This will acknowledge receipt of the above noted Band Council Resolutions in which both the Whitefish Bay Band and the Northwest Angle Band No. 33 are requesting the Department to commence negotiations with Provincial education authorities, wherein, the Province may purchase Federal equity in the Father Moss School; and further that the design for the present school at Whitefish Bay be reviewed and redesigned to meet their educational objectives in 1977-78. Please advise each of the Bands that their request will be pursued with Provincial authorities at the earliest possible date. However, it is also imperative that the Band Councils should be advised that there is the possibility that our negotiations with Provincial authorities may result in the Federal government purchasing Provincial equity in the Father Moss School. It is impossible to predetermine the results of our negotiations at this time.

I have already met with our Technical Services Branch and with representatives from the Department of Public Works to explore the feasibility of extending a gymnasium plus the additional classrooms to the present design for the construction of the primary school at Whitefish Bay. It was suggested and I concur with the recommendation that while a gymnasium and additional classrooms can be added, a school to accommodate approximately 8 to 10 classrooms should follow

District Supervisor
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October 23, 1975

a design more in keeping with the traditional plans for schools of this size. I cannot confirm that a gymnasium will be approved. The escalating cost in school construction and Treasury Board Regulations are factors that will have to be considered.

In the meantime, I must advise that I am not in a position to identify sufficient funds to commence a capital construction program for a new school that will accommodate children from Whitefish Bay and Northwest Angle, Kindergarten to Grade 9 in 1976. Furthermore, no decision to change present plans can be made until such time that we commence our negotiations with Provincial authorities. I suggest that this matter should be discussed with the Kenora District R.C. Separate School Board and that we arrange a meeting with the Board with representatives from the Ministry of Education with the view that we explore the manner in which these requests can be met. I suggest that such a meeting can be held on November 13 or November 14 as an alternate date. Please advise indicating whether one of these dates or an alternate date is convenient.

It is imperative that I receive your breakdown of costs identifying both Federal and Provincial equities in Father Moss School. Also include the required renovations at Father Moss School so that we can determine the cost estimate and make provision for required education facilities and teacher accommodation in the event that the Department may purchase Provincial equity in this school.

Your immediate response to this request is vital in order that the subject can be reviewed with Headquarters prior to our initial meeting with the Board.

By means of a copy of this letter, two copies of the above noted Band Council Resolution are being forwarded to Headquarters for their information and chronological numbering.



M. Rehaluk
Assistant Regional Director
Education, Ontario Region

c.c. Education Branch
D.I.A.N.D., Ottawa

A/Director
Education - Operations
D.I.A.N.D., Ottawa
Attn: P. Bisson

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**BAND COUNCIL RESOLUTION
RÉSOLUTION DE CONSEIL DE BANDE**

NOTE: The words "From our Band Funds" "Capital" or "Revenue", which ever is the case, must appear in all resolutions requesting expenditures from Band Funds
NOTA: Les mots "des fonds de notre bande" "Capital" ou "revenu" selon le cas doivent apparaître dans toutes les résolutions portant sur des dépenses à même les fonds des bandes

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THE COUNCIL OF THE LE CONSEIL DE LA BANDE INDIENNE	NORTHWEST ANGLE NO. 33	Current Capital Balance Solde de capital	\$ _____
AGENCY DISTRICT	KENORA	Committed - Engagé	\$ _____
PROVINCE	ONTARIO	Current Revenue balance Solde de revenu	\$ _____
PLACE NOM DE L'ENDROIT	SIOUX NARROWS, ONTARIO	Committed - Engagé	\$ _____
DATE	DAY - JOUR MONTH - MOIS AD 19 YEAR - ANNÉE		

DO HEREBY RESOLVE:
DÉCIDE, PAR LES PRÉSENTES:

that the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development negotiate with the provincial education authorities that they purchase the federal government's equity in Father Moss School in order to open the way for construction of school facilities for Grades 4 - 10 on the Whitefish Bay Reserve in addition to the school now under construction for Grades K - 3.

And further resolve that the design of the new kindergarten to Grade 3 school on the Whitefish Bay Réserve to be reviewed and redesigned accordingly in such a way to meet our educational objectives in 1977-78 fiscal year.

*Spies Journal
to H.R.*

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31/10/75
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A quorum for this Band
Pour cette bande le quorum est

consists of
fixé à

Council Members
Membres du Conseil

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