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**Oral Question 837-18(2): Deletion of Moose Kerr School Retrofit**

This letter is in follow-up to Oral Question 837-18(2) which you raised on September 20, 2017.

An extensive Technical Status Evaluation assessment of Moose Kerr School was completed in June 2016. The Department of Education, Culture and Employment received the technical assessment from the Department of Infrastructure (INF) in the fall of 2016 which indicated that INF has conducted a number of renovations that totaled \$2.56 million over the past 10 years. This work included:

- Foundation remediation;
- Roof replacement;
- Heating, ventilation and plumbing system repairs;
- Fire alarm and fire suppression system repairs;
- Lighting system upgrades;
- Flooring replacements;
- Carpentry repairs;
- Window and door repairs and replacements;
- Drywall repairs and painting; and
- Gymnasium floor replacement.

This work represents a significant investment that has extended the life of the school by 20 years and reflects the Government of the Northwest Territories' commitment to ongoing maintenance and improvement of its assets.

The Department also conducted a needs survey in October 2016 to understand the program needs of the school that may require additional renovations or additions. The survey indicated no additional work was required as a result of the school programming.

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It is also important to note that with the current utilization rate of 38 percent, if a replacement facility were to be provided it would be approximately 30 percent smaller than the existing school.

During the capital planning process in late February 2017, the Department pulled together the entire capital portfolio to rank capital projects according to need and condition. Given the current conditions of Moose Kerr School, it was not included in the five year capital plan. I would like to note, that we will assess the school every year as part of the capital planning process and it is still a project identified in our 20 year needs assessment.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alfred Moses', with a stylized, flowing script.

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and Employment

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