

Dear Ms. Bisaro, MLA Yellowknife

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Thank you,

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**From:** Michelle Gillis <michelle.gillis@aurorageosciences.com>  
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**To:** Wendy Bisaro  
**Cc:** claudia\_parker@mail.ycs.nt.ca; Glen Abernethy; Daryl Dolynny; David Ramsay; Bob Bromley; Bob McLeod; Robert Hawkins; Jackson Lafferty; gmichel@ycs.nt.ca; sstewart@ycs.nt.ca; janetdiveky@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Petition/Show of Support to Yellowknife Catholic Schools  
**Attachments:** DOC332.pdf  
**Importance:** High

Hello Ms. Bisaro, Member of Legislative Assembly for Yellowknife

Enclosed you will find my letter/template petition as I am sure you will receive from many parents. I felt strongly the need to voice my concern as a parent with two children with developmental delays. I am a mother of two boys, one in Weledeh School with ADHD and my older son in St. Patrick's High School with dyslexia. I wanted to let you know that for years we struggled with finding adequate supports to assist our children in learning. We had to move from a small community to Yellowknife in search of a better chance for our children; this meant uplifting our family, seeking other employment and leaving our support network of family and friends behind. After coming to Yellowknife our children were enrolled in the YK1 District. The first year or two continued to be a struggle as we were on a long list of other families needing support. The YK1 School in which our children were registered didn't feel the need to have to provide supports to our children. That because my children were not diagnosed with 'FASD' or other more severe disabilities meant they were not as important as other children on their priority scale - and that developmental delays were a problem that I as a parent had to deal with on my own at home.

My one son entered the Territorial Treatment Centre and for almost a year had to live away from me, because there were no supports in the school to help me. It was either this, or I had to resign from my job to stay home with him full-time. I was at a crossroads that no mother should ever have to take. After graduating from the TTC/Bosco Homes program my one child slowly transitioned to Weledeh School. I strongly feel that my son Liam did so well at TTC because of the teacher coming from the Catholic school system. I want to tell you today that both boys are doing remarkably well and it is night and day and commend the hard efforts of staff like Seana Stewart. My older son in St. Pats just made honor roll as of last week. But I want to tell you that this was no easy feat, and that each and every day continues to be a struggle especially being a single Mom. It is the supports and compassion that the Catholic School System extend to my family. To make me feel like Yellowknife is now my home and that my two children, regardless of delays have an equal opportunity to an education just like anyone else. I am concerned that funding cuts will put the YCS Board in position to make some drastic decisions about changes to its programming, class sizes etc. My children require modified learning plans, class aides etc. It is this programming that sets them apart from the other school board. I myself am not Catholic, but they extend this feeling of being unified across their schools regardless of religion, race, family income level etc. and that each child is equal. I also feel as an Inuk woman my culture is being practiced both at home and at school. They reward hard work at schools with trips on the land with elders and take a holistic approach (Do Program) and teach the children to become independent and in charge of their own learning path.

Please as my MLA if you would be so kind as to fight for this essential funding, as without proper education we have nothing and children have no hope in becoming successful people in society. In a territory where unemployment is extremely high and the number of people living off welfare is staggering - I find it imperative that of all the places to cut funding, education is the last place that this should happen.

I have provided my day-time contact info below if you have questions but this is from me as a concerned mother and not as an Aurora Geosciences Ltd employee. I thank you in advance for your time.

Thank you kindly;

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**To:** glen\_abernathy@gov.nt.ca  
**Cc:** Wendy Bisaro; Daryl Dolynny; David Ramsay; Bob Bromley; Bob McLeod; Robert Hawkins  
**Subject:** JK Programming and Education Cuts  
**Attachments:** Abernathy.docx

Mr. Abernathy and other Yk MLAs:

Please find attached a letter re: my feelings on the current education funding cuts. It is my belief that the Junior Kindergarten programming advocated for by ECE has not been fully actualized in planning and is, at best, currently ill-conceived. Furthermore, having 'trained teachers' teach Junior Kindergarten is not appropriate. Teachers are NOT trained in Early Childhood Education. I believe a high quality, well-planned junior K/preschool education program for 3-4 year olds would benefit many children in the NWT. However, the plan needs to be thought out, accepted by the communities, and introduced as an appropriate program, not as an "add on" to classrooms that are already multi-graded.

Furthermore, it is wrong to do this on the back of existing students in the NWT.

Thank you.

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Hon. Glen Abernathy  
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Furthermore, this funding clawback is going to pay for an expensive junior kindergarten rollout that is not fully conceived and supported by the communities to which it is going – there are communities that DO NOT WANT the JK or early kindergarten programming – it competes with Aboriginal Headstart in a number of communities and places 4 year olds in a program that has a ratio of 24 children to 1 adult, instead of the ratio currently provided for in the Daycare Act.

Early results in provinces that have started a Junior Kindergarten program indicate that academic gains are not lasting. Long term successes (over 20 years later) are found from programs that are a high quality early intervention and support program, showing a reduction of mental health concerns, as well as negative indicators for adult involvement with the justice system. That's wonderful, but waiting for results for the next 20 years does nothing to address the needs of children currently in our school system.

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Finally, Mr. Abernathy, this is the 4<sup>th</sup> letter I have sent you since you became my MLA. You have never acknowledged receipt of any of my letters or indicated your position on these. I would appreciate hearing from you that you have, at the very least, read this letter.

Thank you,



Merril Dean

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**From:** Brent Karstad <brentkarstad@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 26, 2014 4:21 PM  
**Subject:** NWT School Budgets

A quote from a GNWT news release **YELLOWKNIFE (February 25, 2014)**

"...approximately \$7 million per year – will be coming from re-profiled funding to the Education Authorities across the Northwest Territories. The *Education Act* requires the government to provide funding to achieve a territorial average pupil/teacher ratio (PTR) of 16:1"

Could you please forward me the detailed re-profiled funding plan referenced in the above release. How do you add more students, lower the budget, and keep the same PTR?

Could you explain to me how the same level of education can be maintained with the addition of junior kindergarten and the slashing of \$698,000 of the YCS budget?

I know that on the radio and other media, the GNWT says it can be done.

I want to know if the GNWT has a plan on how it can be done, or if you are just saying that the school boards across the NWT have to deal with it.

When programs are added, as with the junior kindergarten, funds have to be added. Not allocating the proper money and related resources is setting up a system to fail.

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Again please explain to me how this is going to work: reducing the budget, adding students and keeping the PTR.

Brent Karstad  
Yellowknife Resident

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**From:** Tina Schauerte <tschauerte@theedge.ca>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 26, 2014 4:25 PM  
**To:** Wendy Bisaro  
**Subject:** Education Funding in the NWT  
**Attachments:** IMG.pdf

Good Afternoon Wendy,

Please accept my petition letter as a concerned resident and parent of 2 children in the Catholic School System. I believe we need to seriously look at these funding cuts to our school system in the NWT and the negative impact on our children's education.

I encourage you to challenge the Minister of Education on this topic once the Leg. Assembly is in session.

Thank you

Tina Schauerte

Monday 26 May 14

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*M. Menendez* Melanie Uy-Menendez  
PR chair Gabriel Uy

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**From:** Erin Currie <currie@theedge.ca>  
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**To:** Daryl Dolynny  
**Cc:** Glen Abernethy; Wendy Bisaro; David Ramsay; Bob Bromley; Bob McLeod; Robert Hawkins; Jackson Lafferty  
**Subject:** Junior Kindergarten

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**From:** Nicole Winter  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 8:39 AM  
**To:** Glen Abernethy; Wendy Bisaro; Daryl Dolynny; David Ramsay; Bob Bromley; Bob McLeod; Robert Hawkins; Jackson Lafferty  
**Subject:** Funding Cuts to YCS and YK1

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Thank you,

Nicole and Kyle Winter, parents of Hannah Winter who attends Ecole St Joseph School.

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**From:** Brent Currie <bcurrie@ycs.nt.ca>  
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**To:** Daryl Dolynny  
**Cc:** Glen Abernethy; Wendy Bisaro; David Ramsay; Bob Bromley; Bob McLeod; Robert Hawkins; Jackson Lafferty  
**Subject:** Education Funding  
**Attachments:** Petition.docx

Please see attached document.

I would also like to take this opportunity to voice my displeasure in this funding cut both as a parent and as an educator. What Mr. Lafferty and his underlings have done here, is reduce the quality of education for everyone in the major centres in order to offer free daycare in the small communities. Not only reducing the overall literacy rate in the Northwest Territories, but also limiting the opportunities for special needs children who are the main expense that gets paid for from the small surplus carried currently by the school boards. To take away the surplus, which by the way comes from MY TAX DOLLARS, is nothing more than BLATANT THEFT of the monies that pay for my child's education and special needs children who have to be accomodated by the school districts by order of ECE. So not only am I displeased, but also very disappointed that our elected officials would attempt to ram this scheme down the taxpayers throats (most of whom are in the major centres and are the ones being robbed).

Although my words may seem harsh, this is how I feel. There can be no sugar coating of words when it comes to our children's educations. There is nothing more important to our children than a safe environment and an education.

Feel free to read this in session, I feel this has to be said.

Brent Currie.

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**Cc:** Glen Abernethy; Wendy Bisaro; David Ramsay; Bob Bromley; Bob McLeod; Robert Hawkins  
**Subject:** Junior Kindergarten Concerns  
**Attachments:** Petition - Junior Kindergarten.pdf

Hello, my name is Deanna Roos and I live at 105 Wilkinson Crescent. I've lived in Yellowknife for 9 years working various jobs and teaching private music lessons. I now have two children - Abbey and Cobain just finishing kindergarten and my husband has had the privilege of teaching at Ecole St. Patrick's High School for the last nine years as well. I am very concerned and, quite frankly, appalled by the recent decision to add Junior Kindergarten onto the scope of the public school's responsibility. Let me make it clear -- of course there is a growing disparity between children who are sent to pre-school by their parents and those who enter the larger school-like atmosphere in kindergarten. I don't think anyone is debating the validity of offering a Junior Kindergarten.

However, the implementation of such a program is sorely lacking. Our schools are already struggling to cope with the demands of educating students from different socio-economic, linguistic, and cultural backgrounds. The cut in funding, especially compounded by the addition of the Junior Kindergarten, is just plain irresponsible. Our current students also deserve the right to an education system that will provide the opportunities needed to be successful at higher education and at their future endeavours. Cuts that will undoubtedly lead to increased class sizes and a lack of additional support in the form of classroom assistants and pull-out groups is unacceptable. This cut in funding will also see arts and sports programming cut which will not only affect the overall development of the children but also of the community as a whole.

Additionally, the extra strains put on the teachers will, I believe, lead to more teacher burn-out, less effectiveness, and increased attrition to other teaching jobs or career changes. This also has been an issue in Yellowknife and these funding cuts will just make this problem worse.

The decision to start a junior kindergarten has been passed so now it is time for the GNWT to step up to the plate to help fund it. The citizens of Yellowknife, Hay River, Inuvik, and Fort Smith should not have to see increases in taxes to achieve this new education plan handed down from E.C.E neither should their children suffer a degradation of their education.

I've attached a petition that is being signed by those affected in the Yellowknife Catholic School Division but I also felt it important to express my personal concerns in this email. Please consider these concerns that many Yellowknifers' have because it is not only a matter of re-election but, more importantly, it is about the strength of our community and we can not have a healthy, vibrant community with out a healthy, vibrant educational system.

Sincerely,  
Deanna Roos  
105 Wilkinson Crescent  
867-446-7231

Dear, Daryl Dolynny, other Yellowknife MLAs and the Minister of Education,

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Thank you,

**Deanna and Scott Roos – and Cobain Roos and Abbey Roos who are in kindergarten and just starting their schooling in a district who is having to cut support staff and programming because the GNWT got a great idea and put it into effect with no reasonable way of implementing it.**

**105 Wilkinson Crescent  
446-7231**

## Wendy Bisaro

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**From:** F RUSSO <fia.russoyk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 7:13 PM  
**To:** Robert Hawkins  
**Cc:** Jackson Lafferty; Glen Abernethy; Wendy Bisaro; Daryl Dolynny; David Ramsay; Bob Bromfley  
**Subject:** Fwd: YCS Petition  
**Attachments:** DOC.PDF

Dear Mr. Hawkins,

I am forwarding my signed petition supplied by the Yellowknife Catholic Schools but I also wanted to send along some personal notes as well.

I love the idea of Junior Kindergarten in that it would provide many children of the North the opportunity to engage in play and to have a rich and language stimulating environment within which to grow and learn. Many children do not have these opportunities within their home environment and I am very well aware of that.

However, as a parent I certainly do not agree with funding the Junior Kindergarten program by taking monies from the existing K - 12 program. I can only assume that you are aware of the lack of supports available within the school system at this time. From my experience, teachers have class sizes between 25- 35 students, are targeting multiple academic levels and also have a large number of special needs students to program for. Inclusive schooling ensures that all children, no matter their academic level, can be taught in a positive learning environment but in order for inclusive schooling to work, the funding for supports must be in place. From what I see, this is not taking place. Teachers are overwhelmed and over extended and I truly feel that asking them to teach larger class sizes with less supports in place is not the answer.

My children do not have special needs. They function within the average for their grade levels. Unfortunately they are often left to their own devices as a direct result of the additional supports that other children require. I do not wish for this to become even more of an issue for my children or the children of others.

I understand the rationale for Junior Kindergarten. I understand that the hope is to improve the academic standings of all children that enter the school system. I understand the hope is to have less supports necessary as a result of Junior Kindergarten. I am saddened that the only viable option appears to be taking money from the existing K-12 grades.

I hope that you will take this message forward and speak out on behalf of your constituents and I thank you in advance for that.

Sincerely,

Fia Russo  
Parent of 2 children in YCS

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Fia Russo <[Fia\\_Russo@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Fia_Russo@gov.nt.ca)>  
**Date:** May 27, 2014 2:50:50 PM MDT

**To:** 'Fia Russo' <[fia.russoyk@gmail.com](mailto:fia.russoyk@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** YCS Petition

-----Original Message-----

**From:** [stantonmedical@medical.com](mailto:stantonmedical@medical.com) [mailto:[stantonmedical@medical.com](mailto:stantonmedical@medical.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 27, 2014 4:16 PM  
**To:** Fia Russo  
**Subject:** Scan from STHA Medical Centre Xerox WorkCentre

See attached document, scanned from STHA Medical Centre WorkCentre.

Sent by: [[stantonmedical@medical.com](mailto:stantonmedical@medical.com)]

Attachment File Type: PDF

WorkCentre Location: STHA Medical Centre

Device Name: Centre\_Copier

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Parent of 2 children in YCS; Ecole St. Joseph School and Ecole St. Patrick School

cc

Glen Abernethy, MLA Great Slave  
Wendy Bisaro, MLA Frame Lake  
David Ramsay, MLA, Kam Lake  
Daryl Dolynny, MLA Range Lake  
Bob Bromley MLA, Weledeh  
Bob McLeod, MLA Yellowknife South  
Robert Hawkins, MLA, Yellowknife Centre  
Jackson Lafferty, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment

## Wendy Bisaro

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**From:** Jeffrey <jsbowden\_20@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 9:46 AM  
**To:** Bob McLeod  
**Cc:** Jackson Lafferty; Glen Abernethy; Wendy Bisaro; Daryl Dolynny; David Ramsay; Bob Bromley; Robert Hawkins  
**Subject:** GNWT Education cuts

Mr McLeod,

I am writing to voice my concern regarding the recent cuts to my children's Education. I cannot fathom the reasoning or lack of foresight by the Department of Education, Culture, and Employment in its recent reduction in funding to our Yellowknife School Boards. As a born and raised Northerner, I (much like yourself) believe Education is paramount to the success of our Northern youth, and I just do not see how reductions and cuts to our current Education system can be even remotely considered a solution.

The GNWT's maximum pupil to teacher ratio (PTR) of 16:1 is not only outdated- but ONE OF THE WORST IN CANADA. As it stands, support staff and resource budgets have already been cut at YCS (where my son attends). Are classrooms sizes going to increase? How are the smaller Communities coping (which by the way- have some of the smallest classroom sizes in the Country)? Actually- I know the answer. Is their Education more important than my Children's? Why? Can we not be treated as equals? What will be next?

Although I know this is not something that you have had any part of dreaming up- but I know that this is something you can help right. As my MLA, I hope you can be a Champion of Education as you always have been. Please help us!

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Bowden  
Father

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Thank you,

*Kevin & Francine Dennis*

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Bob McLeod, MLA Yellowknife South  
Robert Hawkins, MLA, Yellowknife Centre  
Jackson Lafferty, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment

Wendy Bisaro

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**From:** Megan Welsh <m.alexandra.w@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 29, 2014 6:31 AM  
**To:** Glen Abernethy; Jackson Lafferty  
**Cc:** Wendy Bisaro; Daryl Dolynny; Bob Bromley; Robert Hawkins; Bob McLeod; David Ramsay  
**Subject:** Constituent concerns respecting education funding  
**Attachments:** 14-05-29 - Concerns respecting education funding.pdf

Good morning,

I am a constituent of Yellowknife's Great Slave riding as well as a graduate (from kindergarten through grade twelve) of the Northwest Territories education system. I am contacting you today (see attached) with my concerns respecting education in the Northwest Territories.

Thank you for your time.

Best,  
Megan

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Megan Welsh

29 May 2014

The Honourable Glen Abernethy, contacted as the representative for the Great Slave Riding  
The Honourable Jackson Lafferty, contacted as the Minister of Education, Culture, and  
Employment (ECE)

To the Honourable Ministers and Members of the Legislative Assembly:

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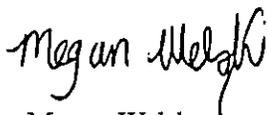
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