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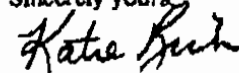
Hon. Chris Decker MHA
Minister of Education
Department of Education
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

Dear Mr. Decker,

This letter is to inform you of the serious problems that we are experiencing in the school here at Davis Inlet. We have received many complaints from parents of physical and verbal abuse of students by teachers in the school. Forty-seven students, some as young as five years old, are not attending school. This is because some are refusing to go to school and some parents are not permitting them to do so. I am in the process of gathering more precise information regarding these serious allegations. Last night windows were broken in the school. This has also happened on other occasions as students express their anger about what is happening in the school.

My request is that you immediately launch an investigation into this matter, to be conducted jointly by an independent person appointed by you along with myself, and the councilors at Davis Inlet, or our appointees. I have spoken to Dr. Len Williams, your Deputy Minister, about this problem. I look forward to your immediate and positive response so that we can work together and ensure that the children of Davis Inlet will have a safe and healthy environment in which to continue their education.

Sincerely yours,



Chief Katie Rich
Mushuau Innu First Nation