

There has never been a review request under Part 6 by a parent (or student) – that we are aware of – likely because parents are not advised that they have this right, and possibly because DEAs do not know they have this responsibility.

There have been limited instances where the Coalition was invited to participate in the hiring of senior regional staff under s. 190 (1) or given the opportunity, “on an on-going basis, to review the funding process for district education authorities” under s. 190(2).

We have been working to fill this knowledge gap and to find ways to collect and focus the concerns of our members DEAs. We have held conference calls, visited many communities, developed presentations, collected data and encouraged participation.

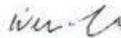
What we see is the beginnings of participation and understanding, but we also see high levels of frustration with the current system and its participants – not individually or to suggest that anyone in the Education system is badly motivated – but frustration at the educational outcomes in our schools.

We are still collecting information, surveys and data from members, and as they become available we will contribute these to your review. We have used the Coalition’s Annual General Meeting and our Executive Meetings to compile concerns, and a basic statement of these concerns is attached as our Preliminary Report.

We are just at the stage of getting DEAs engaged in the process and we already find ourselves at the deadline date you advised us. At this year’s AGM some DEAs reported that they were unaware of the Education Act Review, while others noted that they received notice in late June as operations were winding down for the summer. We hope that as you move forward in your deliberations you will allow DEAs to make further submissions from their own community discussions on the Act.

Our Member DEAs remain committed and concerned around issues that impact the quality of education in Nunavut. We appreciate your willingness to continue this dialogue as you work your way through this very important process around the future of education in Nunavut.

Sincerely,



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