



TESLIN TLINGIT COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

October 24, 2022

Sandy Silver
Premier

Hon. Tracey-Anne McPhee
Deputy Premier

Hon. Jeanie McLean
Minister of Education

Re: Staff Recruitment & Cutbacks at Gadzoosdaa Student Residence

Dear Premier Sandy Silver, Deputy Premier McPhee and Minister McLean,

The Teslin Tlingit Council (TTC), is writing this letter to request a meeting to discuss the recent changes in the budget and staffing of Gadzoosdaa Student Residence (GSR).

For the past several years GSR has been permitted to exceed personnel budget for GSR, which helped in maintaining an adequate number of staff in order to ensure the health and safety of both students and staff. The staff structure was as follows:

7 am – 3 pm: 1 dorm staff and 1 Headmaster position 8-5 pm

3 pm – 11pm: Total of 5 staff members rotating shifts as follows:

Mon to Thursday 3 staff –always male and female

Friday to Sunday 2 staff – always male and female

Besides providing programming to students always was provision to accompany or provide rides for students during after-school health appointments, tutoring, recreational activities and community engagement.

Friday to Sunday was 2 staff but if a larger number of students stayed for the weekend a casual was brought on.

11pm – 7am: 2 staff from Sunday to Thursday –always male and female

3 staff from Friday and Saturday – always male and female

7a.m. -7p.m 2 cooks Sunday-Friday



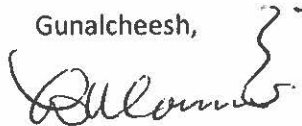
In addition to the impact on current staff, because of reduced resources the students are now limited in their ability to take part in extra-curricular activities, tutoring, health appointments etc. This limitation will have a negative impact on our youth. TTC is committed to the health and well-being of every student. We expect that through a meeting together we will be better able to reach a successful solution to this serious situation.

With the limited staff level and no on call auxiliary, there will be occasions with only one female or one male on duty between 3pm – 7 am. This will be unacceptable to TTC and would not meet the obligation of the Department of Education Student Protection Policy.

In order to limit the inevitable negative effect on the students and staff of GSR, the TTC Executive Council is requesting a meeting with Premier Sandy Silver, Deputy Premier and Minister of Education to discuss this matter. We are urging you to meet with us in the first week of November.

Please respond to this letter with a date of your availability to meet either in-person or virtually.

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