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Educational Facilities

I have questions for the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment regarding educational facilities:

- 1) What standards or methods do the Department of Education, Culture and Employment have or use to assess whether educational facilities meet the physical requirements for existing educational priorities and teaching methods?
- 2) Has the Department of Education, Culture and Employment conducted an audit of the existing learning space at Kalemi Dene School to determine whether the present-day educational priorities and teaching methods are being met for both the community at large and the Department of Education, Culture and Employment?
- 3) What plans, if any, including design documents, is the Department of Education, Culture and Employment in possession or aware of for future expansions to Kalemi Dene School, i.e. classrooms and a gym, in Ndilo?
- 4) École Allain St-Cyr in Yellowknife was granted approval to for a new gymnasium, despite not meeting the Department of Education, Culture and Employment's Capital Standards and Criteria subsection 4.3, which determines when a school is considered in need of a new gym based on the number of student enrollees, based on Charter-protected language rights. Will the Department of Education, Culture and Employment, in tandem with other Departments, consider putting similar language safeguards in place for schools that teach Indigenous languages in the Northwest Territories, given that our territory has 11 official languages in total?