



**NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC.**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Rankin Inlet, Nunavut**

**October 22-24, 2019**

**Resolution #: RSA-19-10-08**

**Bill 25: Education Act**

**Moved by:** Donna Adams  
**Seconded by:** Helena Maliki

**WHEREAS** in 2017, the Nunavut Legislative Assembly withdrew Bill 37, *An Act to Amend the Education Act* and the *Inuit Language Protection Act*, due to the overwhelming opposition of the public, including Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI), the Coalition of Nunavut District Education Authorities (CNDEA) and the District Education Authorities (DEAs);

**AND WHEREAS** at NTI's 2018 Annual General Meeting, NTI's members passed Resolution 18-10-08 urging the Government of Nunavut (GN) to work in a meaningful partnership with NTI to develop new amendments to the *Education Act* and the *Inuit Language Protection Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** the GN ignored this resolution and instead tabled Bill 25, which is, in all important respects, identical to the rejected Bill 37;

**AND WHEREAS** the Nunavut education system is in crisis and the Members believe that the GN is not taking adequate steps to address this crisis;

**AND WHEREAS** Inuit have a right under Article 32 of the *Nunavut Agreement* to have our goals reflected in education and language legislation;

**AND WHEREAS** NTI and the Regional Inuit Associations tabled a September 11, 2019, submission on Bill 25 with the GN Standing Committee on Legislation, the Premier, the Minister of Education and the Members of the Legislative Assembly; and

**AND WHEREAS** NTI and the RIAs have proposed an education bill called the *Nunavut Inuit Education Fundamental Reform Act* (NIEFRA), as a new Act which does not replace the current *Education Act*, but would stand beside it and provide for future amendments to the current Act in collaboration with NTI;

**AND WHEREAS** the Members believe the proposed NIEFRA contains all the necessary elements to address the education crisis in Nunavut, including:

- embedding *Inuit Qaujimaqatuqangit* meaningfully into the curriculum from Kindergarten through Grade 12,

- making Inuktitut the primary language of instruction, from early childhood education to Kindergarten to Grade 12,
- expanding local control over education, through empowering and supporting the CNDEA and the DEAs with authority, over time, in areas including but not limited to directions to superintendents, staffing, finances, curriculum development and education programs, and
- adequately funding and significantly improving the provision of inclusive education for all of Nunavut's special needs students.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Members call on the Standing Committee, the Premier, the Minister Education and the Members of the Nunavut Legislative Assembly, in accordance with each of their authorities:

1. to withdraw Bill 25 forthwith; and
2. to work with NTI to refine and table the NIEFRA as a new education bill that is responsive to the concerns of NTI, the CNDEA, the DEAs, and the Inuit who participated in the public consultation.

In Favour: All  
Against:  
Abstention:

Carried: X  
Defeated:

Dated: