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Chief and Council  
Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation  
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**ATTENTION: Chief Bryan Laforme**

**Re: Exceptional Circumstance – Two Special Education Students**

I am writing in response to the email of March 25, 2009 from Rick Anderson, Director of Education at the Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation. The email requested clarification as to why only a portion of the funding request was approved for this exceptional circumstance in your community.

Once the Department and the First Nation agree there is an exceptional circumstance, the First Nation can choose to evoke the Exceptional Circumstance clause (5.0) in their funding agreement. This allows a request to be put forth for additional funding to be added to the agreement. The amount of additional funding is dependant upon the type of funding request and the associated funding authorities.

The majority of your request fell under funding authorities related to Special Education Funding. Currently the Chiefs of Ontario (COO) allocate all special education funding as per a formula based approach. As such all funds in this area are exhausted annually. INAC cannot provide any additional funds under this authority.

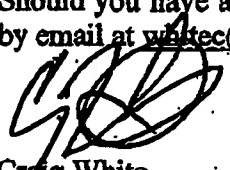
However the funding that was approved fell under capital, tuition, and student transportation service authorities in which INAC could provide additional dollars:

- \$93,659 for the purchase of a special needs transportation vehicle
- \$16,400 for tuition/student accommodation for five years
- A one time contribution of \$39,000 for O&M cost related to the special needs transportation vehicle

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Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 519-751-8144 or  
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