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HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS

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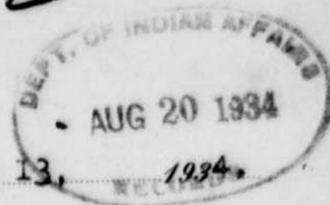
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Indian Residential School
REV. F. E. PITTS, B. A., PRINCIPAL

159-1-22



Alberni, B. C. August 13, 1934.

Supt. General
[Signature]
Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Five boys from Alberni Indian School have this year passed the Entrance to High School examinations and wish to attend high school at Port Alberni and live in residence here. The pupils names and numbers are as follows: Charlie Watts #160, Oscar Tom #161, Eddie Klutesi #191, Warren Rush #188 and Willie Tateosh #171.

I therefore ask your permission for these pupils to attend high school at Port Alberni and live in residence at Alberni Residential School as regular grant earning pupils; and that a special grant of sixty dollars each be given to pay for High School fees of \$50 each and \$10 each for High School books.

Respectfully yours,

F. E. Pitts
Principal.

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Ottawa, August 21, 1934.

Reverend Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, in which you advise that five boys from the Alberni Indian Residential School recently passed their entrance examination and wish to attend high school. Before the Department can consider allowing any advanced educational grant for these boys, it will be necessary for you to forward to the Department the marks which each obtained. We can only consider allowing grants for those pupils who obtained at least 70% on the entrance examination.

In connection with two of the boys, it appears from the quarterly return that they are, at least, seventeen years of age. It is doubtful if it would be advisable for them to start high school work at that age. Very careful consideration has to be given before sending pupils to high school. Your request for advanced educational grant for these five children will receive further consideration when you reply giving the information requested in this letter.

I would, also, direct your attention to the fact that you have not yet replied to the Deputy Superintendent General's circular of June 15th, last, with reference to pupils sixteen years of age and over in the Alberni Residential School. A copy of this circular is enclosed and I would appreciate receiving your reply at the earliest possible date.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. Sutherland
J. D. Sutherland.
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

F. E. Pitts
Rev. F. E. Pitts,
Principal,
Alberni Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B. C.

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OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B. C.
Aug. 18, 1934.

Scholar

Sir:-

I have the honour to advise the Department that the Rev. F. E. Pitts, Principal of the Alberni Indian Residential School, today brought to this office a copy of a letter written by him to the Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, on the 13th. instant, direct, asking for the Department's authority for pupils Nos. 160 Charlie Watts, 161 Oscar Tom, 191 Eddie Clutesi, 188 Warren Rush and 171 Willie Tatoosh, to attend the Alberni District High School for tuition, and requesting the Department's sanction of an expenditure of \$ 50.00 each, school fees, and \$ 10.00 each for school books. The pupils to remain on the register of the Alberni Residential School and live and board there. The total cost entailed is \$ 300.00.

The ages of the pupils in question are as under:

# 160 Charlie Watts	- 18-	admitted to school.	7. 9.26.
# 161 Oscar Tom	- 18-	" " "	15.10.26.
# 171 Willie Tatoosh	- 16-	" " "	17. 9.27.
# 188 Warren Rush	- 17-	" " "	4. 9.28.
# 191 Eddie Clutesi	- 17-	" " "	20. 9.28.

No ground should be discharged except possibly no 171

I have to state that these pupils appear to be above the ordinary run of intelligence, but unless technical training can be given them during the High School training, such as instruction in repairs and operation of internal combustion engines, carpentry and navigation, I fail to see where a High School training is going to benefit them, as all classes of employment are now over stocked with white students, and yearly becoming more so, waiting for opportunities for employment, and it is an indisputable fact that whites always get the preference in employment. I fail to see where a High School training can benefit them other than in the fact that they are better educated than their fellows usually are, or to fit them for enfranchisement. I have to point out that these pupils will be about 22 years old, should they decide to finish their High School training, and will be too old to study further to advantage, even if their financial circumstances were such as to admit them to do so.

I am not making these remarks as pertaining to the above mentioned pupils only, but I consider they apply generally to Indian pupils, at least in this Agency, that being the only one with which I am perfectly familiar.

Your obedient servant,

Ed. E. Frost

Ed. E. Frost,
Indian Agent.

EEF/N.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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159-1-22.

Ottawa, August 29, 1934.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, with reference to four boys of the Alberni Residential School whom the Principal suggests might attend high school.

In view of the information contained in your letter, the Department is not prepared to allow any extra grant to enable these boys to attend high school.

It is considered that pupils Nos. 160, 161, 188 and 191 should be discharged. Willie Tatoosh, No. 171, is shown to be only 16 years of age, and if the Principal and yourself consider it advisable, he may remain in the school for another year.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. Sutherland
J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

E. E. Frost, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Port Alberni, B.C.

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EXAMINATION CENTRE

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High School Entrance Examination of Pupils of Alberni Indian Residential Public School, held June, 1934

Principal or Teacher Rev. F. E. Pitts,

Secretary of School Board

July Address Alberni, B. C.

Address

3M-735-4054

CANDIDATES' SURNAMES (In Alphabetical Order).	CHRISTIAN NAMES IN FULL (If Pupil has two or more Christian names, underline the one by which he or she is generally known).	Age in Years.	Examination Number.	Penmanship, Spelling, Dictation and Number.	Arithmetic.		Grammar.	Composition.	Geography.	Canadian History.	Drawing.	Total Marks.	Order of Merit.	PROMOTED.
					Part 1.	Part 2.								
Elliott	Donald	16	399	29	33	24	59	65	54	68	100	332		
Klutesie	Edward	15	400	56	39	37	86	74	74	69	100	435	1	Passed
Rush	Warren	17	401	55	36	40	76	76	68	70	100	421	2	Passed
Tatoosh	William	16	402	47	36	29	75	64	71	75	100	397	4	Passed
Tom	Oscar	17	403	46	25	27	68	73	73	81	100	393	5	Passed
Watts	Charles	17	404	59	34	40	80	71	64	73	100	421	2	Passed

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Indian Residential School

REV. F. E. PITTS, B. A., PRINCIPAL

Alberni, B. C. May 25, 1935.

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with Department letter #159-1-22, dated Oct. 10th, I herewith submit report of the work in Alberni District High School of five boys, pupils of this school; also picture of these boys accompanying account for High School fees for the present school year, Sept. 34 to June 35.

Yours obediently,

F. E. Pitts
Principal

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Ottawa, December 3rd, 1934.

Sir,-

I beg to refer you to official letter of October 10th, in connection with certain Indian boys at the Alberni Indian Residential School who are now attending High School in Port Alberni.

Please inform the Principal that the Department has decided to allow the advanced educational grant of \$50.00 each for these boys for the academic year 1934-35. If they attend high school regularly during the current academic year, you may forward, about the first of June, next, a voucher in favour of the Principal for \$250.00, viz., \$50.00 for each of the five boys.

As pointed out in the last paragraph of official letter of October 10th, the work done by these boys at high school during the current academic year should be carefully watched and a report submitted to the Department at the end of next June.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. Sutherland.
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

Ed. E. Frost, Esq.,
Indian Agent,
Port Alberni, B. C.

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159-1-22

Ottawa, October 10, 1934.

Sir,-

Referring to your letter of August 18th, last, and official reply of August 29th, in connection with certain boys at the Alberni Indian Residential School, I beg to say that the Department is now in receipt of another letter from the Principal, in which he again urges that these boys be allowed to remain on the school roll in order that they can attend high school. The Principal states in his recent letter that all he will require is the per capita grant and that the other expenses will be paid from private funds.

It has been decided to grant his request and the work done by these boys at high school during the current academic year should be carefully watched and a report submitted to the Department at the end of next June.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. Sutherland (over)

J. D. Sutherland.

Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

E. E. Frost

Ed. E. Frost, Esq.,
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Port Alberni, B. C.

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159-1-22

Ottawa, October 10, 1934.

Reverend Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, with further reference to the under-mentioned pupils whom you wish to attend high school:-

No. 161 - Oscar Tom	No. 171 - Willie Tatoosh
" 160 - Charlie Watts	" 188 - Warren Rush
No. 191 - Eddie Klutesi	

In view of your representations, it has been decided to approve of their remaining in the school and the regular per capita grant will be allowed for them. It is understood, of course, that they will be included in the number for which grant is provided.

It is, also, noted that the extra expense involved in their attending high school will be paid from private funds.

The work done by these boys at high school during the current academic year should be carefully watched and a report submitted to the Department at the end of next June, showing what progress they made.

Your obedient servant,

J. D. Sutherland.
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.


Rev. F. E. Pitts,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B. C.

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REV. F. E. PITTS, B. A., PRINCIPAL

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Alberni, B. C. Sept. 29, 1934.

Mr. J. M. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education,
Parliament Buildings, Ottawa.

Dear Sir:

I anxiously await reply to my letter of August 30, recommending that certain pupils remain in school another year. Your letter of August 21, #159-1-22 stated that, "Your request for advanced educational grant for these five children will receive further consideration when you reply giving the information requested in this letter".

In a letter of Mr. Phelan, July 5th, #159-1-10, he says, "It is noted that Charlie Watts, #160 and Oscar Tom, #161 wish to return if they are successful in passing their entrance examinations. You should advise the Department when the results of this examination are issued in order that permission can be given for them to return."

In view of these letters I asked in my letter of August 30th for a special grant for these five boys to attend high school at Port Alberni, or if this were not possible that we be given permission to keep them on our list of grant-earning pupils and that I would pay the high school fees and books from per capita or private funds. All five returned after holidays and were anxious to go on. As it was necessary to get started with the others at the beginning of the term I fitted them out with books etc., and started them to high school. At the end of a month the teachers inform me that they stand well up in their classes of 60 white pupils and that Oscar Tom is among the best that have entered this year.

I have gone carefully into their ages and believe the following to be their correct ages.

161 Oscar Tom.....17, 21st January, 1934 -18
160 Charlie Watts...17, 29th November, 1933 -18
161- Eddie Klutesi...16, 12th August, 1934 -16
158 Warren Rush.....17, 7th September, 1934 -17
171 Willie Tateesh..16, 11th May, 1934. -16

The parents and other Indians of their respective bands are anxious for them to go on to school. The Indians of this agency have to make their living along with white, Japanese, Chinese, Norwegian and Swedish fishermen, ship loading, canneries and other industries. I feel that we will never have a better chance to improve these Indians than we have at present with these boys.

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We have personally done all we could for them by way of giving the special training in music. They have been very efficient in manual training. They have the reputation of being among the best behaved and most courteous in the high school.

For the above reasons I am taking the risk of appearing impudent to your Department in my solicitations that you keep them on our list of grant-earning pupils for at least one year more. The High School fees and books for the five will cost \$300. This we will provide for here, if necessary.

All of which is humbly submitted.

Yours obediently,

W. E. Pitts
Principal

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Indian Residential School
REV. F. E. PITTS, B. A., PRINCIPAL

159/1/22

Alberni, B. C. August 30th, 1934.

Letter to Mr. J. D. Sutherland
Mr. J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir:

Yours of 21st inst. to hand, #159-1-22 re five boys from this school attending High School at Port Alberni while in residence here.

I enclose herewith their marks and ages as requested.

They are all anxious to attend high school. They are bright young lads who will profit by the extra work. We have worked hard to bring the school up to the present standard and have encouraged the children to think that they had a chance to go on. We have done this thinking we were winning the approbation of your Department in the progress we were making. We have ten in the entrance class for this present year. Our other United Church schools have pupils in high school; some of them entering this year are older than our boys. All we ask is the same treatment as the others.

However if it is not possible to get the extra grant for high school fees, I will take the responsibility of paying these from our decreased grant or endeavor to raise it from private sources providing that we receive the regular per capita grant for them. Humbly submitted.

Yours obediently,

F. E. Pitts

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Indian Residential School

REV. F. E. PITTS, B. A., PRINCIPAL

COPY OF ALBERNI DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Name: Edward Klutesi

Teacher's signature: J. MacDonald

Parent's signature: Indian School

Alberni, B. C. May 20, 1935.

Subject	Oct. marks	Dec. marks	Easter marks
Composition	61	44	78
Literature	84	66	74
Social Studies	80	78	99
Health	97	69	83
French	91	81	87
Art	72	71	81
Arithmetic	64	67	89
Algebra	68	70	90
Geometry	95	78	94
General Science	59	69	64
Totals	771	690	839
Average	77.1	69	83.9
Rank in class of 60	3rd	9th	1st

Note by High School Staff: Excellent. Edward's work, behavior and attitude like those of his four companions reflect great credit not only upon themselves but also upon their school, the mission.

F. E. Pitts

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REV. F. E. PITTS, B. A., PRINCIPAL

COPY OF ALBERNI DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Name: Oscar Tom
 Teacher's signature: J. MacDonald
 Parent's signature: Indian School

Alberni, B. C. May 20, 1935.

Subject	Oct. marks	Dec. marks	Easter marks
Composition	56	65	78
Literature	77	72	66
Social Studies	69	97	60
Health	97	69	96
French	70	52	54
Art	62	68	65
Arithmetic	78	85	67
Algebra	62	65	71
Geometry	51	53	74
General Science	69	67	79
Total	691	693	710
Average	69.1	69.3	71
Rank in class of 60	16th	8th	10th

High School Staff Note: Excellent work. Oscar's manners, work and attitude so far leave nothing to be desired. In all subjects his marks are well over the class average.

F. E. Pitts

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COPY OF ALBERNI DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Name: Willie Tatoosh
 Teacher's signature: J. MacDonald
 Parent's signature: Indian School

Alberni, B. C. May 20, 1935.

Subject	Oct. marks	Dec. marks	Easter marks
Composition	52	51	61
Literature	77	62	63
Social Studies	82	96	92
Health	99	73	83
French	84	74	88
Art	59	59	73
Arithmetic	67	70	68
Algebra	69	75	71
Geometry	66	56	75
General Science	50	65	71
Total	705	681	745
Average	70.5	68.1	74.5
Rank in class of 60	14th	12th	7th

High School Staff Note; Excellent. Willie continues to do very good work.

J. MacDonald

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COPY OF ALBERNI DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Name: Charlie Watts
Teacher's signature: J. MacDonald
Parent's signature: Indian School

Alberni, B. C. May 20, 1935.

Subject	Oct. marks	Dec. marks	Easter marks
Composition	63	50	
Literature	70	62	
Social Studies	66	64	Absent from Easter
Health	90	59	exams on account of
French	55	77	a broken hand.
Art	64	70	
Arithmetic	69	79	
Algebra	50	51	
Geometry	58	71	
General Science	50	58	
Totals	635	641	
Average	63.5	64.1	

High School Staff Note: Charlie was absent from Easter exams but his work is very satisfactory and reflects credit on the adequacy of his home study.

F. E. Pitts

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REV. F. E. PITTS, B. A., PRINCIPAL

COPY OF ALBERNI DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Name: Warren Rush
 Teacher's signature: J. MacDonald
 Parent's signature: Indian School

Alberni, B. C. May 20, 1935.

Subject	Oct. marks	Dec. marks	Easter marks
Composition	64	50	79
Literature	78	45	61
Social Studies	81	81	74
Health	100	77	98
French	83	63	69
Art	34	65	64
Arithmetic	62	71	70
Algebra	58	47	60
Geometry	66	60	69
General Science	60	53	84
<u>Totals</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>612</u>	<u>728</u>
Average	68.6	61.2	72.8
Rank in class of 60	17th	29th	8th

High School Staff Note: Warren is doing very good work. This year's class is one of exceptional ability. In any normal class his standing would be higher.

F. E. Pitts

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Alberni, B. C. May 25, 1935.

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.

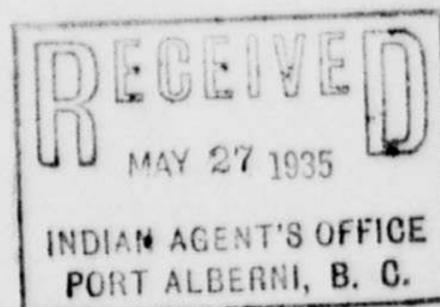
Dear Sirs:

In accordance with Department letter #159-1-22, dated Dec. 3rd, 1934 to Indian Agent Frest, I herewith submit an account of \$250.00 for High School fees for five Indian boys, pupils of this school as per voucher attached.

Dr. to Alberni Indian School for High School fees for five pupils, Sept. 1934 to June 1935, (10 mos. @ \$5.00 per mo.) \$50.00 each, --\$250.00 as per attached voucher.

Yours obediently,

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14/5/35
F. E. Pitts



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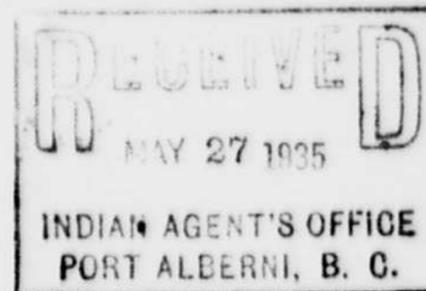
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Alberni, B. C. May 25, 1935.

Dept. of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa, Canada.



Dear Sirs:

In accordance with Department letter #159-1-22, dated Dec. 3rd, 1934 to Indian Agent Frost, I herewith submit an account of \$250.00 for High School fees for five Indian boys, pupils of this school as per voucher attached.

Dr. to Alberni Indian School for High School fees for five pupils, Sept. 1934 to June 1935, (10 mos. @ \$5.00 per mo.) \$50.00 each, --\$250.00 as per attached voucher.

Yours obediently,

F. E. Pitts

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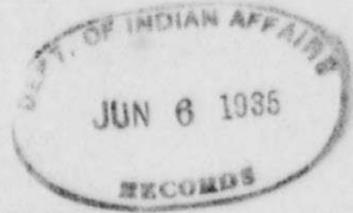
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Letter No. 105.C.35



Office of the WEST COAST Indian Agency,

May 29 1935

Sir,

I enclose herewith Vouchers Nos. 114, amounting to \$ 250.00 in favour of Rev. F. E. Pitts, Alberni, B. C. principal Alberni Indian Residential School, for tuition of pupils attending high school, for year ending June 30, 1935.

This expenditure was authorized by Departmental Letter No. 159-1-22 dated Ottawa, Dec. 3, 1934.

Your obedient servant,

H. S. Brightling

Acting Indian Agent.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

Form No. 101

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Ottawa, June 7, 1935.

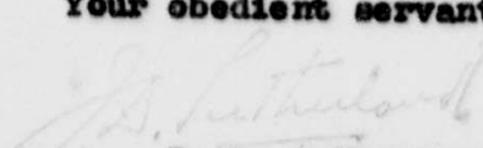
Reverend Sir:

A voucher has been received from the Acting Indian Agent, for the amount of the advanced educational grant for the five Indian boys, pupils of the Alberni Indian Residential School, who are attending the Alberni District High School. The photo of these boys was also received.

In this connection I have to inform you that a cheque to the amount of \$250, being the grant due for the school year ending the 30th instant, will be sent you. I have noted from the reports that these boys, with the exception of Charlie Watts, made excellent progress in their studies during the year. It is noted, further, that he was absent from the Easter examinations on account of a broken hand.

I presume these boys wish to continue attending high school during the coming academic year. If so, the Department will allow the grant for them, at the rate of \$50 each, for the next school year. This grant will be paid upon receipt of vouchers, in triplicate, with reports attached concerning the progress made, at the beginning of June, 1936. They should remain on the school roll and per capita grant will also be allowed for them, provided they are not in excess of the number for which the grant is allowed your school.

Your obedient servant,


J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.


Rev. F. E. Pitts,
Principal,
Indian Residential School,
Alberni, B. C.

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159-1-22.

Ottawa, June 7, 1935.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge receipt of the voucher which you submitted, in favour of the Principal of the Alberni Indian Residential School, for payment of the advanced tuition grant for five Indian boys attending Alberni High School.

In this connection I enclose, for your information, copy of a communication of today's date, addressed to Rev. Mr. Pitts, Principal of the School.

Your obedient servant,

Encl.

J. D. Sutherland
J. D. Sutherland,
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.

H. P. Nightingale
H. P. Nightingale, Esq.,
In charge, Indian Agency Office,
Port Alberni,
B. C.

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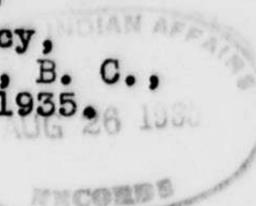


DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
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259/35/D.-S.1.

OFFICE OF
INDIAN AGENT

West Coast Agency,
Port Alberni, B. C.,
Aug. 21, 1935.



Sir:-

I have the honour to enclose herewith, two applications, received from the Reverend Principal of the Alberni Indian Residential School.

The pupils mentioned therein have completed the first year of high school and passed their grades with very credible marks. It is found that they can no longer be kept at the Alberni School so their admission is requested to the Coqualeetza High School.

This office respectfully recommends the two following pupils for the consideration of the Department for further high school instruction.

Eddie Clutesi.

William Tatoosh.

Your obedient servant,

H. P. Nightingale,
Acting Indian Agent.

Enc. 2.

The Secretary,
Department of Indian Affairs,
Ottawa.

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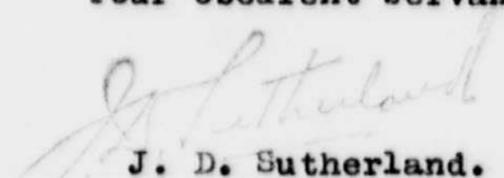
Ottawa, August 27th, 1935.

Sir,-

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your 259/35/D-S.1. of the 21st instant, with reference to transferring two pupils from the Alberni Indian Residential School to the Coqualeetza Indian Residential School. One of these boys is stated to be in his seventeenth year and the other in his eighteenth year. The cases of these two boys are similar to those of the boys from the Ahousaht Residential School, whose transfer was refused in official letter of the 17th instant.

The Department does not feel that it is advisable to transfer Eddie Clutesi and William Tatoosh from Alberni to Coqualeetza and you should so inform the Principal of the Alberni School. It is considered that they should be discharged from the Alberni School.

Your obedient servant,


J. D. Sutherland.
Acting Supt. of Indian Education.


H. P. Nightingale, Esq.,
Acting Indian Agent,
Port Alberni, B. C.

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For reply

Alberni, B.C.
Sept. 16, 1935.

Dear Miss Norris:

I am altogether at a loss to know where we are at with our Indian School management. Neither the Indian Department nor the Church seem to have any definite policy as to what is to be done in an Indian School. This has pretty well broken up our senior work and dampened our interest in it.

Last year we had five boys in Port Alberni High School and five more in Entrance here. When I reported the work of the High School boys to the Department at the beginning of June, Mr. J.D. Sutherland, without being asked, granted permission for these boys to remain in school here as per capita pupils and to pay the High School fees (\$250.00) for this year (Dept. letter June 7, 1935 No. 159-1-22). A letter from your office dated July 24th, enclosing one from Mr. Beaton dated July 17th, said that the Indian Department thought these boys should go to Coqualeetza and that he "was entirely in accord with this viewpoint."

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I took the matter up with Principal Scott of Coqualeetza. His reply was indefinite, saying that they had more boys now than they could rightly accommodate but that they would be open for a few more girls. Three of the High School boys decided they would not go to Coqualeetza. I had made application for the other two to the Dept. to have them transferred to Coqualeetza as per your letter of Aug. 9th. A letter from Mr. Sutherland to the Indian Agent in reply to these applications, dated August 27th, states that "the Department does not feel that it is advisable to transfer these two pupils. It is considered that they should be discharged from the Alberni School."

I am putting the three High School boys and last year's entrance class on our discharge sheet for this quarter and am starting the other two boys who did so well at High School last year, to Port Alberni High School until I have further instructions as to what should be done.

Another difficulty in this connection is that one of our boys in last year's entrance class made application through the Agent at Duncan, to attend Coqualeetza, and Principal Scott told him to come on to school. The Ahousaht pupils have passed through here on their way to Coqualeetza. I understand there are six of them in school there now. The Indian Agent tells me that Principal Caldwell has permission for only two of them to attend.

Naturally our pupils and Indians here are asking why our pupils have not the same chance as the others.

Hoping for an early reply, I remain,

Yours obediently,

(signed) F.E. Pitts.

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Mr. J. D. Sutherland,
Department of Indian Affairs,
O t t a w a, Ontario.

October 3rd,
1 9 3 5.

Dear Mr. Sutherland: Re: Alberni Graduates and
Coqualeetza

You will remember that after the return of our Commission on Indian Education from Western Canada, we discussed the problem of further education for graduates of the Alberni and Ahousaht Schools who in their High School Entrance examinations measure up to the standard set by the Department. I was under the impression that we had agreed upon the fact that they should be sent to Coqualeetza and wrote to Mr. Pitts, the Principal of Alberni School, giving that as my interpretation of policy. I am enclosing a letter from him which is self-explanatory. It was addressed to the Acting Executive Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society here and before answering it I would like to be sure that the local Indian Agent recommended that these boys be sent to Coqualeetza. If he did, I fail to understand the Department's attitude, in view of the fact that ten days ago Captain Scott still needed 75 pupils to make up his per capita pupilage at Coqualeetza.

I shall be glad to hear from you regarding this matter at your convenience.

Yours very sincerely,

Kenneth J. Beaton

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