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TO ALL NEWS MEDIA:

I must clarify, on behalf of the College and its Council, some of the statements made by Dr. Artibise and the mysterious "college spokesman" with regard to the College building plans and priorities put in the Saturday issue of the Sentinel.

Let me state categorically that neither of these people were authorized by the College Council, or its Principal, to make any statement whatsoever on these matters.

I am very disturbed that the unauthorized "college spokesman" should have taken it upon himself to assume that the College "will not get it all" in reference to the College's 5-year capital plan. This apparent defeatist and perhaps cynical statement could be construed by some as a criticism of the Government's intentions and an attempt to show that the College Council's submissions, on behalf of its communities, are not justified. I wish to assure the communities that your College Council has done a very conscientious job with regard to the planning program. This statement by the "college spokesman" seems to me scarcely fair to either the College Council or the Department of Education and I fail to see how it can help College/Government relationships.

I presume that Dr. Artibise, in his position as President of the local NDP party, was authorized by the local MLA, or some official source, but the College itself has received no official confirmation whatsoever from the Department of Education that this amount of money has been made available. *To make a release capital*

As to the other remarks attributed to the President of the local NDP Association, I wish to state that the College Council has authorized the following priorities: They have authorized the administration to proceed with plans in terms of student residences, much needed classrooms, Fine Arts building, Science block, additional Vocational facilities, such as shop space and classrooms, expansion of the cafeteria building and cook training facilities. It has also authorized the administration to seek a definition of the site boundaries and establish site development plans. These priorities have been communicated to the Department of Education.

I wish to emphasize that there is no way that a swimming pool and a rink can have priority over these emergency training facilities.

The Minister has indicated that she has an interest in cost-sharing arrangements in general with municipalities, but the administration have never been directed by this College Council to seek cost sharing arrangements with the city, for the construction of a pool and rink.

For the sake of the records, the only spokesmen for the College, as authorized by the College Council, are the College Council Chairman, the Principal, or an official of the College delegated by the Principal. The unknown "college spokesman" was not delegated by the Principal to speak.