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Bob Laking, Chair
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Dear Mr. Laking,

I am writing in response to your November 9th letter which outlined the outcomes of this fall's School Councils' Conference. The enthusiasm for the event, the discussions and focus for future action was apparent in your letter and made me most appreciative of the obvious commitment of your group and of all partners that participated in the event.

Since becoming Minister of Education, I recognize how fortunate I am to have such strong community involvement in the important work of education. You can be assured that I will forward the recommendations coming out of the conference to my staff at the department for follow up.

I understand that work is beginning on the Resiliency survey and on the Framework for Yukon School Councils. As you are likely aware, the term for School Councils is outlined in the Education Act and cannot be changed except through the legislative process.

The recommendation to create a guideline and flowchart showing the process for the Education Appeal Tribunal will be a very helpful document.

Thank you for your continued commitment to education and for your on-going support of the work of the department. Success for each student is not possible without working in partnership with families and community. Wonderful things can happen for children when we are all working towards the same end.

Sincerely,

Scott Kent
Minister of Education

cc: Pamela Hine, Deputy Minister of Education
Christie Whitley, Assistant Deputy Minister of Public Schools
Lori Choquette, A/School Council Liaison

