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Bob Laking, Chair
Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees
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Dear Mr. Laking,

Congratulations on a successful Spring 2013 School Councils Conference; *Learning From Our Past, Building Our Future.*

I very much appreciated the opportunity to provide welcoming remarks as well as to interact with school council members in more fulsome discussions. If possible, I would like to engage in another question and answer opportunity at the next School Councils Conference and would request this be added to the agenda.

I have noted the recommendations made by the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees as outlined in your letter of April 29, 2013, and have asked Deputy Minister Valerie Royle to respond to you directly.

There is real value in the professional development of our school councils and it was reassuring to see the commitment of so many council members from all over Yukon who attended the conference.

The importance of cultural knowledge cannot be underestimated in its impact on the positive outcomes for all Yukon students.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and the other members appointed for the 2013-2016 term and look forward to continued dialogue with the AYSCBC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Kent".

Scott Kent
Minister of Education

cc: Valerie Royle, Deputy Minister of Education

