



ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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**We wish all our readers, their families and friends a very happy and safe holiday!!
Thanks for all you do for your schools, communities and most importantly, our Yukon students.**

FIRST OFF....

A short excerpt from the book "**Helping Kids Succeed, Alaskan Style**"*--

"We usually think of assets as money or possessions. Their value grows over time. We can use them in many ways. And the more of them we collect, the more secure we feel. The same is true of the assets described in this book—youth developmental assets!

When we speak of assets we mean the key building blocks in children's lives that help them grow up strong, capable, and caring. Like a dream catcher, assets are the supporting threads in a young person's life that can keep away harm and invite goodness.

For children, protective factors (or assets) are like the self-righting tendencies of a heavy keel on a boat. No matter what the seas, calm or stormy, the boat keeps it balance because of its keel."

Through a good deal of research, the Search Institute determined a list of assets that support young people to become healthy adults. We all have an important part to play in helping provide those supports through our relationships with children and youth.

*This book was developed by the Association of Alaska School Boards in cooperation with the Search Institute.



Want to know what the 40 assets are?

Keep reading and you'll find the list! *

Don't forget to save the dates!!
APRIL 16TH – 18TH
SPRING 2015 SCHOOL COUNCILS' CONFERENCE & AYSCBC AGM
High Country Inn, Whitehorse
Stay tuned for session information in the new year

YUKON EDUCATION COMMITTEES

We are hoping to have news about seats for School Councils on several Yukon Education committees very soon. While AYSCBC has regularly participated with these groups, it is also important to have reps from School Councils whenever possible to join the discussions, whether focussed on Student Support, Policy, Assessment, Literacy, Rural Equity, Staffing, etc. As soon as we learn which committees are active this year, we will pass the information on to School Councils.



'PROMOTING HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS' WEBCAST

You can find the archived webcast of the topic above at: <http://events.cmqcanada.ca/bullying2014>.

This discussion was held during National Bullying Awareness Week.

Questions to the panel were sent in from viewers, including some young students and lots of resources (links and documents) were shared. It's worth a watch/listen.

You can also find more information on the Alberta Government website: www.bullyfreealberta.ca

'BULLYING PREVENTION: FACTS & TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS'

This is a newly released document from the Canadian organization, PREVNet.

You'll find it at: <http://www.prevnet.ca/resources/bullying-prevention-facts-and-tools-for-schools>

Also on the PREVNet site you can access presentations and videos from their 2013 event,

It's Everybody's Role to Promote Mental Health and Prevent Bullying

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UPCOMING EVENT

The Council for Yukon First Nations is planning to hold a **Yukon First Nations Education Summit** on March 9-10th, 2015. More details will be available in January/February and we'll pass them along as we receive them.

☆AYSCBC Members might like to refer to the organization's policy on [Financial Support For AYSCBC Member School Councils To Attend Professional Development Events](#)

WHAT ARE THE ASSETS?*

External Assets

(what we hope are provided by the family, school and community)

Support:

1. Family support
2. Positive family communication
3. Other adult relationships
4. Caring neighbourhood/community
5. Caring school climate
6. Parent involvement in school

Empowerment:

7. Community values youth
8. Youth given useful roles
9. Youth volunteers in the community
10. Safety

Boundaries and expectations:

11. Family boundaries
12. School boundaries
13. Neighbourhood/community boundaries
14. Adult role models
15. Positive peer influence
16. High expectations

Constructive use of time:

17. Creative and cultural activities
18. Youth programs
19. Religious community
20. Time at home

Internal Assets

(what we hope are within every young person)

Commitment to learning:

21. Achievement motivation
22. School engagement
23. Homework
24. Bonding to school
25. Reading for pleasure

Positive values:

26. Caring
27. Equality and social justice
28. Integrity
29. Honesty
30. Responsibility
31. Restraint

Social skills:

32. Planning & decision-making
33. Interpersonal skills
34. Cultural competence
35. Resistance skills
36. Peaceful conflict resolution

Positive identity:

37. Personal power
38. Self-esteem
39. Sense of purpose
40. Positive view of personal future

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Together

we can make a difference

☆ **SCHOOL COUNCILS WHO ARE CURRENT MEMBERS OF AYSCBC** ☆

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Ghuch Tla
St. Elias
Ross River
Tantalus
J. V. Clark
Teslin
Kluane Lake

Grey Mountain Primary
Watson Lake
Porter Creek Secondary
F.H. Collins Secondary
Hidden Valley Elementary
Golden Horn Elementary
Ecole Whitehorse Elementary

Want to learn more about Membership, please [contact us](#) and we'd be glad to talk with you.

*AYSCBC promotes School Council, Board and Committee service
as a meaningful way to make long term contributions
to your local community and society.*

If you'd like us to attend one of your meetings, or meet with you at another time,
let us know—one of us would be happy to do so.

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Happy
Holidays!