



## ASSOCIATION OF YUKON SCHOOL COUNCILS, BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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Honourable Tracy-Anne McPhee  
Minister of Education  
Government of Yukon  
P.O. Box 2703  
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Dear Minister McPhee:

### **Re: Education Audit**

On behalf of the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards and Committees (AYSCBC), I wish to thank you for your department's participation in the Yukon School Council Leaders' Summit held earlier this month.

The meeting, which comprised representatives from 14 school councils, was a unique and valuable opportunity for leaders to interface directly with representatives from the Ministry of Education, in a dialogue regarding a variety of relevant topics including student assessment and reporting, teacher evaluation, French second language programming and First Nations initiatives. During the second day of the summit, time was dedicated to a roundtable discussion of school council priorities followed by a discussion of the Education Audit that was issued by the Auditor General of Canada last June.

As referenced in our previous correspondence, Yukon School Council representatives expressed concerns regarding the disparities in learning outcomes for rural, First Nation and students with special needs. Lack of resources - services and supports - for students in the classroom and the impact this has on the delivery of inclusive education, was further identified as a top priority requiring attention. While delegates were encouraged to hear of plans to identify the underlying causes of gaps in student outcomes, council members expressed the importance of having in place concrete objectives, action items, timelines and deliverables for improving learning opportunities for all Yukon students.

Within the audit responses, the department references developing strategies and processes as well as conducting a number of reviews including, but not limited to, implementing:

- an outcome management improvement strategy for Yukon Education,
- an improved process for annually monitoring the completion of teacher evaluations,
- an annual summary of the goals, data trends, and objectives from school growth plans; and
- an in-depth review of its services and supports for inclusive education

In preparation for the 2020 Yukon School Councils' Spring Conference and AYSCBC Annual General Meeting, we would like to invite the department to present its action plan in response to these and other audit recommendations including:

- A detailed list of the proposed actions to be taken
- An overview of what actions have taken place since the audit was issued in June 2019
- Entity(s) responsible for carrying out the actions – department(s) - branch, unit, organization, other
- Proposed timeline(s) for completing each action item
- An estimate of what resources (human, financial, in-kind) will be needed to complete each of the action items
- How, when and by whom the action plan will be monitored

We will follow up with your office in the coming month regarding the exact date for the spring conference as well as the chosen venue. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact our Executive to discuss this request further.

Again, thank you for your continued support of Yukon School Councils and the important role councils play in support of improving student outcomes.

Sincerely,



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Vice-Chair

cc: Yukon School Councils  
Catholic Education Association of Yukon  
Nicole Morgan, Deputy Minister  
Lori Choquette, School Council Liaison