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Dear Mr. Laking and Ms. Coote,

I am writing in response to your letter of May 25, 2011. I very much appreciate the follow up from the Spring 2011 School Councils' Conference. It is always my pleasure to support the work of the Association of Yukon School Councils Boards and Committees and particularly the School Councils' conferences. The Department of Education is most appreciative of all the work that your organization and members of the Yukon's school councils does to continue to improve opportunities for Yukon youth and their families to be more involved in the education system. With the work being done in the department and support from organizations like yours, we are seeing increased involvement at the school level and at the department level of our system.

We most certainly will be happy to keep you informed regarding the follow up being done on the *Health And Health-Related Behaviours Among Young People In Yukon* survey shared at the spring conference. Our department is collaborating with the Department of Health and Social Services to bring together the work being done on the Rural Strategy and the Wellness Strategy. We are optimistic that the continuing work on resiliency, a topic I understand you have been involved with moving forward in Yukon, will impact significantly on some of the very concerning issues identified in the health behaviours survey. We are hoping that Yukon can take a lead role in addressing these difficulties in our communities and provide guidance to other jurisdictions in the country that are just starting to address some of the issues that emerged in our Education Reform process.

I look forward to continuing to work with your organization and Yukon's school councils. Again, many thanks for all that you and school council members contribute to the improvement of Yukon schools.

Sincerely,

Patrick Rouble  
Minister of Education

cc: Pam Hine, Deputy Minister of Education  
Christie Whitley, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Schools Branch  
Bob Walker, School Council Liaison

