



Deputy Minister's office (E-1)
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

May 8, 2020

Dear School Councils and School Administrators,

RE: Revised dates proposed for 2020 School Council General Elections

In March, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Minister of Education Tracy-Anne McPhee authorized the postponement of the general election for members of the 26 school councils originally scheduled for April 9 – May 4, 2020.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as the Department of Education and Elections Yukon worked together on next steps to ensure a school council election is held in 2020. The proposed new polling date is October 5, 2020, with the nomination period beginning approximately September 10.

In your roles as School Council members, your terms of office in these roles would usually be until the day before the new school year starts at your school (see section 79 (2) (a) in Yukon's [Education Act](#), for more information). To ensure schools have active School Councils until the new Councils are elected, we will need to extend your current term of office until October 2020.

We hope you are able to serve in your roles for this additional time to support the transition for the new School Council in the fall. However, if a school council member does not wish to continue in their roles past August 2020, they may choose to resign by:

- a. Telling the school council chair and school administrator by June 1, 2020
- b. Providing a resignation date between June 15 and August 15.

The school council may wish to fill any vacant seats through the process set out under section 108 (1) of the *Education Act*, which, in these circumstances, would involve recommending a person for appointment to the School Council until the new election is held.

We are inviting School Council Chairs to participate in a Zoom call with Max Harvey, Chief Electoral Officer for Elections Yukon, and Department of Education representatives on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. to discuss plans and ask questions. Instructions for accessing the call are below.

If you have any immediate questions or concerns, you can also email Lori Choquette, the Department of Education's School Council Liaison, at lori.choquette@gov.yk.ca.

To access Zoom:

You do not need an account to access the Zoom call. All you need to do is click the link below and follow the instructions. A meeting ID and password is also included. You can also call directly in by phone, if needed.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82380001468?pwd=T3ZFUC81MkJhaGtjMDIxdEJ5ZDN3Zz09>

Meeting ID: 823 8000 1468

Password: 266614

Call in line, if needed:

Number: 1 866 969 8429

ID: 4297149

Thank you for all that you are doing to support your school community in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicole Morgan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nicole" and last name "Morgan" clearly distinguishable.

Nicole Morgan,
Deputy Minister of Education