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Sandra Henderson
Chair, Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards & Committees
P.O. Box 30071
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Dear Ms. Henderson:

Re: Follow Up- Meeting of July 6, 2020

Thank you for the meeting of July 6, 2020 and the opportunity to discuss further the Yukon School Re-Entry Planning process. It has been a challenging number of months for all of our staff, students and parents, but as we continue to work to safely return students to school, we are very grateful to the Association and to the many School Councils that have worked tirelessly throughout the summer, to remain connected and supportive of their individual schools and school administrations.

As part of the AYSCBC new Work Plan, we are pleased that the Association has taken the lead to establish a working group to look deeper into the Roles and Responsibilities of School Councils. We are happy to be participating with all of the partners at the table and know that the Training Tool produced will be a great addition to the resources made available to our School Councils.

Your desire to establish an additional working group that would deal with the Legal Authority of School Councils and the Minister, as it pertains to the Act, is also welcomed. The department would be happy to participate and discuss the findings of any reports or resources that might be relevant to this topic, and we look forward to participating and engaging with this working group. Our School Council Liaison, Lori Choquette, will follow up with you to provide the names of department staff who will participate in this initiative.

We thank you for sharing your 2020-2021 Work Plan and we are pleased to hear that it was approved by your membership at your Spring AGM. We are happy to commence negotiations for your new funding agreement, based on the 4 pillars outlined in your Work Plan. As we have been doing with other partners that we fund, we would be looking to negotiate and enter into an annual Transfer Payment Agreement with your Association (AYSCBC). Our Director of Finance, Jackie McBride-

Dickson is the department contact for this request. She can be reached at Jackie.McBride-Dickson@gov.yk.ca.

Thank you for your interest in the Education Agreements that Yukon Government Department of Education has established directly with a number Yukon First Nations. These agreements have been negotiated on a government to government basis, and are based on the priorities of the individual First Nation.

In Whitehorse, the Kwanlin Dun First Nation has identified specifically four schools that would be affected and involved primarily in their Education Agreement with Yukon Government. We would be happy to request of KDFN, on your behalf, to share the agreement with you and the School Councils that represent these schools. I understand that our ADM of First Nation Initiatives, Lori Duncan, has already contacted KDFN.

As always, we appreciate the efforts of the AYSCBC, your membership and the work that you do. We agree more regular meetings to discuss matters of mutual importance and exchange information would be beneficial. We look forward to continuing to work together, as partners, to support our Yukon students.

Sincerely,



Tracy-Anne McPhee
Minister of Education