

# Association of Yukon School Councils Boards & Committees 2021 Yukon School Councils' Fall Gathering

## **STRONGER TOGETHER: STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION**

October 28-30, 2021

Location: Yukon Inn (Fireside Room) / Online

### Agenda

#### Friday, October 29

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**7:45 am**      **Breakfast Buffet**

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**8:30 am**      **Opening Prayer**  
**Welcome remarks**

**8:45 am**      **Education Update**

- **Ryan Sikkes, Assistant Deputy Minister Public Schools  
Department of Education**

*Join us for a presentation on what's new in education:*

- *Update on Special & Inclusive Review on Education*
- *Infrastructure: school planning*
- *Q&A session to follow.*

**9:15 am**      **School Council Roundtable**

*Each School Council will have 3-5 minutes to share information about what their greatest success and greatest challenge has been this year. A great opportunity for networking and sharing best practices.*

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**10:15 am**      **Nutrition Break**

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**10:30 am**      **Supporting Youth Mental Health through the Pandemic**

- **Dr. Nicole Racine**  
**Clinical Psychologist and Post-Doctoral Research Fellow**  
**University of Calgary**

*Join us for a discussion on the topic of supporting youth mental health through the pandemic and beyond, recovery planning as well as suggested actions to be taken. As a recognized leader in child adversity and mental health, she has received a number of national awards, and has published more than 60 peer-reviewed papers in top journals in the field of pediatrics and mental health.*

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**12:00 pm**      **Lunch provided**

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**1:00 pm**      **PRESENTATION BY ELECTIONS YUKON**

- **Maxwell Harvey, Chief Electoral Officer**
- **Lori Choquette, School Council Liaison**  
*This session will include information about the upcoming 2022 School Council General Election: election preparedness and the importance of succession planning as well as an overview of the primary role of Elections Yukon in organizing and holding referendums for those schools opting to support a First Nation School Board.*

*Q&A session to follow.*

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**2:30 pm**      **Nutrition Break**

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**2:45 pm**      **REPORT ON STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

- **Annette King**  
**Yukon Child & Youth Advocate**  
*Hear about the work that was undertaken by the Yukon Child & Youth Advocate to gather information and compile a report on the barriers to consistent student attendance in the territory. Join us for a discussion on the report findings and what work is underway in the territory to implement the recommendations.*

*Q&A session to follow.*

**4:00 pm**      **ADJOURN**

## Saturday, October 30

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**8:00 am**      **Breakfast Buffet**

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**9:00 am**      **FIRST NATION SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATION SESSION**

- **YFNED Executive Director Melanie Bennett & Legal Counsel Daryn Leas**
- **Department of Education (Assistant Deputy Minister Ryan Sikkes)**

*Join representatives from the Yukon First Nations Education Directorate and the Department of Education for a presentation on the Agreement to Establish a First Nation School Board in Yukon that was signed earlier this year. An overview regarding the process and procedures for creating a First Nation School Board, will be provided.*

*Q&A session to follow.*

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**10:45 am**      **Nutrition Break**

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**11:00 am**      **Student Wellness: Youth Panel Presentation**

- **Communities Building Youth Futures Interns:**
  - **Ayesha (Yukon U Intern)**
  - **Gwen (High School Intern)**
  - **Samreen (Intern)**
  - **Maxime Crawford-Holland (Project Manager)**

*Hear from these dynamic youth leaders about their continuing work to elevate student voices, particularly as it pertains to decisions regarding issues that matter most to youth. Whether it's mental health & wellness, youth safety or education, youth wish to be engaged and want to be part of making positive change in our schools and our communities.*

*Q&A session to follow.*

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**12:00 pm**      **Closing Remarks**

**Noon**              **Lunch provided**

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