

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Jeanie McLean, Minister of Education

1. On [date], [MLA]

- asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s) [page numbers] of *Hansard*
- submitted the following written question – WQ No. #
- gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. #

RE: [subject]

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with Scott Kent, Member for Copperbelt South on October 16, 2023, related to:

Bill No. 211, Second Appropriation Act 2023-24 Second Reading Third Reading

Committee of the Whole: Vote 03 Education

Motion No. #
learning space

RE: \$200,000 increased allocation for experiential

at page(s) 3995 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

An additional \$200,000 will be allocated for experiential learning spaces, bringing the total budget up for that line to \$1 million for 2023-24.

This \$1 million is for construction of outdoor classrooms at Jack Hulland Elementary School (Whitehorse), JV Clark School (Mayo), St. Elias Community School (Haines Junction), and Tantalus Community School (Carmacks). These outdoor classrooms are expected to be ready for use before students return from the 2023 winter break. They were designed in collaboration with each local First Nation and school community to meet their unique specification, functional requirements, and programming needs. All of the outdoor classrooms provide shelter and a firepit or woodstove for use throughout the winter.

This \$1 million experiential learning spaces budget will also pay for some of the design and development costs to prepare for more new experiential learning spaces in 2024-25. Robert Service School is identified to receive an outdoor experiential learning space next year, and we are working with school authorities on identifying additional schools.

October 30th, 2023
Date

J. McLean
Signature