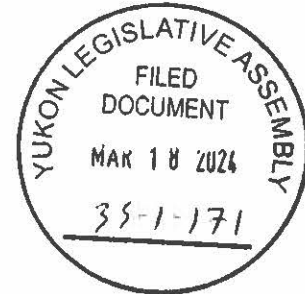




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March 15, 2024

Ted Hupé, President
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Dear Ted Hupé:

Re: "Unilateral Changes to Educational Assistant Staffing School Allocation"

I would like to acknowledge receipt of the March 6, 2024, joint letter from the Yukon Association of Education Professionals (YAEP), Learning Disabilities Association of Yukon (LDAY) Centre for Learning, Yukon First Nation Education Directorate, Autism Yukon, and the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards and Committees regarding the Educational Assistant (EA) allocation process.

I understand that you have concerns on a number of matters relating to EA allocation including how the department made updates to the EA allocation process for the 2024-25 school year, the consultation process with your organization, and the perceived impact on Yukon learners. We agree that the EA allocation process is an important part of how we support students. The updates that you are concerned with were undertaken in the interest of creating a more open, transparent, and objective EA allocation process in the long-term.

Recognizing these concerns, we are pausing the process for the moment to ensure that there can be a conversation to gather and understand your feedback on the issues you have raised. The Deputy Minister of Education will be reaching out to invite you to a meeting to move this matter forward.

Sincerely,

Jeanie McLean
Minister of Education