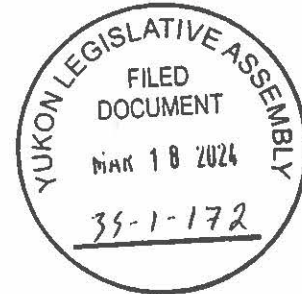




Education (E-1)  
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

March 11, 2024

Melanie Bennett  
Executive Director, Yukon First Nation Education Directorate  
[melanie.bennett@yfned.ca](mailto:melanie.bennett@yfned.ca)



Sent via email

Dear Melanie Bennett:

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

---

Thank you for the joint letter to the Minister of Education regarding the EA allocation process from the Yukon Association of Education Professionals, LDAY Centre for Learning, Yukon First Nation Education Directorate, Autism Yukon and the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards and Committees dated March 6, 2024. I am responding on her behalf. I appreciate your dedication to Yukon students. I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate that the Department of Education remains wholeheartedly committed to providing support and interventions for students to better meet their learning needs.

I strongly believe that, with conversation, we can come to a shared understanding of how we have arrived at this point, what next steps look like and your organization's involvement. We would like the opportunity to clarify information related to the issues raised in the March 6 letter and better understand your organization's concerns. The report developed out of the Fall 2023 conversations is in the process of being released in the near future.

We acknowledge communication with, and support from, our partners is integral to the work we are doing. We appreciate that more communication from our team may be helpful to clarify the work and where we are at today; as such, Shanna Epp's office, ADM of Student Wellbeing and Inclusion, [Shanna.Epp@yukon.ca](mailto:Shanna.Epp@yukon.ca) will reach out to find time to have this important conversation.

Sincerely,

Mary Cameron  
Deputy Minister of Education

CC Hon. Jeanie McLean, Minister of Education  
Shanna Epp, ADM of Student Wellbeing and Inclusion