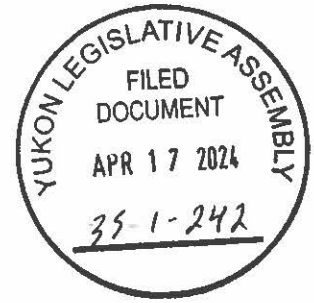


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**Subject:** Yukon Education Act



Good afternoon Jody,

I am reaching out to you today as an expert on education regarding a potential change to the Education Act that would allow for more locally developed courses that would allow for credits towards graduation.

I recently connected with a former Yukon teacher that brought to my attention that British Columbia recently made some changes to their Education Act that the Yukon had not implemented, despite the Yukon following the B.C. curriculum and B.C. graduation requirements.

In the Yukon Education Act it states that locally developed courses cannot represent more than 20% of the course load for any student in a semester or a school year (section 43, subsection 2 of the Yukon's Education Act). My understanding is that this means that Yukon High School students who usually take four courses a semester would not be able to take a locally developed course at all because that would become 25% of their course load. This means that Yukon high school students are missing out on courses that offer incredible opportunities to learn about topics such as traditional technologies, leadership, climate change and so much more.

In BC, the policy on locally developed courses is broader. Students can use Board Authority Authorized or First Nation Authorized (BAA or FNA) courses to fulfill elective graduation requirements.

We are considering proposing an amendment to the legislation that would make it more in line with B.C. This could be done by dropping the section of the Act specifying that locally developed courses cannot represent more than 20% of the courseload. This would make it so that Yukon high schools can start to offer these courses and Yukon students can benefit from them.

This change would also likely mean a change in how graduation requirements work in the Yukon. In B.C., the legislation was changed so that BAA or FNA approved courses can count towards Grade 12 credits required for graduation and towards Grade 11 electives or Arts Education or Applied Design, Skills and Technologies courses that align with the Ministry's courses. I would propose that the Yukon could do something similar.

In addition to the twenty-three locally developed courses available in the Yukon currently, this change could also encourage the development of new locally developed courses and widen learning opportunities for Yukon students.

I'm reaching out to others as well, but would greatly appreciate the opportunity to meet with you to hear your thoughts, questions, and ideas on these potential changes.

I've included Nicole Dhillon as she's helping me with this file. Looking forward to catching up on this and any other issue you may want to discuss.

Kate

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Not soon enough Jody, but now I can't wait for further discussions in person!

I have time Tuesday between 11 and 12:30 or after 4

Wednesday between 2 and 4, and most of Friday (except between 1:15 and 2:15)

Do any of these work for you?

Kate

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Drin hqzq Kate.

Mähsj for reaching out.

I have so much to say about this, and even more to say about the Education Act in general.

Let's find a time to discuss this further. Any chance you'll be in Dawson soon? Zoom/phone works too.

Jody



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Thank you so much for meeting with us last week Jody. You inspired, and I'm hopeful that other nations follow TH's lead.

I've attached a letter that I wrote to you with hopes that this can be shared with Chief and Council. Does it reflect what we discussed last week?

Thanks again!

Kate

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Thanks Jody!

Please share and the physical letter is on its way.

I appreciate you!

Kate

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Hi Kate.

I believe you've captured the gist of our discussion and did a good job segueing into the local course issue. Unless I hear otherwise, I'll share this with Council. I'd like to add a briefing along with it that clarifies our situation in Dawson (ie that we have negotiated ways to include these courses but that this is not the case in other parts of the Yukon) and speaks to this matter as one of many shortfalls in the Education Act. They are keen to open the Act since we have many concerns. As I mentioned, the Act is a barrier to realizing the full potential of 17.7 and I expect they will share your frustrations.

Say the word and I'll work on a briefing to accompany your letter.

Jody



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Hi Kate.

I shared the letter with our ED but have not heard back yet. I'll try to catch her today and see if she has had a chance to have a look.

I won't be able to get it to Council in time for the first week of April. They're backed up and the earliest I could get anything to them would be mid-April. But our ED might ok a support letter that could be signed by Hahke without going through the formal Council process since this is a matter that Council has spoken to before (not the specific local course issue, but the opening of the Education Act).

Let me see what I can pull off.

Jody



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Hi Kate.

I was actually in Whse yesterday and listening to CBC in the morning. When I heard you had brought it forward, I did a little "Huzzah!" in my hotel room. I'll be following along. I wish I could have followed our chat with a formal letter from our Council but could not pull it off in time.

Please reach out whenever you are looking for TH perspectives on education (or my personal perspectives which are really one and the same as TH's).

Jody



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Afternoon Jody,

We're currently in the assembly debating the amendment you and I discussed. I just want to thank you again for your time and the energy you infused in the discussion.

I have no idea of where today's debate will go, but no matter what, I'll be calling for a review of the act.

Thanks again!

Kate

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