

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ms. McLean, Minister of Education

1. On , [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: Yukon FNSB Trustee eligibility

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion with Scott Kent, Member for Copperbelt South on November 22 related to:

Bill No. 202

Second Reading Third Reading

Committee of the Whole: Vote 03 Education

Motion No. #

RE: Yukon FNSB Trustee eligibility

at page(s) 977 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

Voting Eligibility for the First Nation School Board Trustees

- In June 2021, Government of Yukon announced the signed agreement Respecting Education and the Establishment of a First Nation School Board in Yukon.
- Under the Framework Agreement:
 - o “The residents of the Board’s education area will be those residents of the Yukon whose ancestral language is a First Nation Language.”
 - o “In addition to residents of the Board’s education area, any Yukon student in a community that is served only by a school operated by the Board will have the right to be enrolled in that school and the parents of such a student will be eligible to participate in Board elections and be nominated to become a trustee in accordance with the Act.”
- The Department of Education has interpreted the previous sections to mean that for the initial First Nation School Board trustee elections only those residents of the Yukon whose ancestral language is a First Nation language will have the right to vote and run as trustees.
- For the next and subsequent elections, with some restrictions, parents of students attending a school operated by the First Nation School Board would have the right to vote and be run for trustee.
- It is our understanding that the Chiefs Committee on Education shares our interpretation.
- Yukon’s Chief Electoral Officer has asked for greater clarity for the purpose of preparing for the election of trustees for the YFN School Board.
- We are currently working with the First Nations Education Directorate legal counsel and the Department of Justice to confirm whether our interpretation is correct.

December 2, 2021
Date

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