

LEGISLATIVE RETURN



SUBMITTED BY: Hon. Ms. 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 November 18, 2021 related to:

Bill No. 202

Second Reading Third Reading

Committee of the Whole: Vote 03 Education

Motion No. #

RE: Staffing reporting tool

at page(s) 954 of *Hansard*.

The response is as follows:

An ad hoc on-line reporting tool was developed using a Google Form in early October in order to track teacher and educational assistant absences and TOC availability daily. The online tool is not consistently used by all schools, so this data set is incomplete.

It is noted that the online tool did not account for the number of students who were also away from school either due to YCDC recommendations to self-isolate or parent choice in response to a school specific exposure notice.

Schools that were experiencing acute shortages of staff were communicating daily with superintendents to ensure additional staff, if necessary, could be found.

To improve data collection through the online tool, schools began to be polled once or twice per week via email requests for numbers of absences, starting November 15, 2021. Below is a 2-week snapshot:

	Teachers absent	TOC reporting	EAs absent	EAs reporting
Monday, Nov 22	76	37	39	8
Tuesday, Nov 23	60	33.5	35	11
Wednesday, Nov 24	58	35.5	37.5	8
Thursday, Nov 25	56	35.5	32	9.5
Friday, Nov 26	64	39.5	40	11.5
AVERAGE this week	62.8	36.2	36.7	9.6
Schools NOT reporting: AVS, DVG, NBJ, PCSS, TAN, St. Elias, TPC, Wood St.				

	Teachers absent	TOC reporting	EAs absent	EAs reporting
Monday, Nov 15	76.5	47	41.5	8
Tuesday, Nov 16	74	39	33	12.5
Wednesday, Nov 17	74	44	36.5	9.5
Thursday, Nov 18	59.5	34	35.5	13.5
Friday, Nov 19	73.5	35.5	31	10
AVERAGE this week	71.5	39.9	35.5	10.7
Schools NOT reporting: AVS, DVG, TAN, Ghuch Tla, TPC				

December 2, 2021
Date

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