

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) 87 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 December 2, 2021 related to:
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| Bill No. 202 | <input type="checkbox"/> Second Reading <input type="checkbox"/> Third Reading |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committee of the Whole: Vote 03 Education |
| Motion No. # | RE: Supported Child Care Worker Program |
| at page(s) 1193 of <i>Hansard</i> . | |

The response is as follows:

The Department of Education is continually working to enhance the integration of technology into school programming to meet the needs of Yukon students. This includes ensuring educational technology is secure, reliable and equitably accessible.

Online and digital learning technologies and resources are a key part of modern learning and are an important tool for blended learning and continued learning during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To further support equitable learning opportunities for all students, a joint initiative between the Department of Education, Yukon First Nation Governments and Yukon University provided a total of 712 devices to First Nation students in the territory.

This partnership ensured that Yukon First Nations K-12 students had access to the necessary technology for learning inside and outside of school and to develop digital skills and participate in modernized learning.

The Department of Education originally committed up to \$478,400 to this program, which included a 50/50 cost share with those Yukon First Nations who chose to participate. Yukon Government's final contribution was \$276,716, providing 712 devices.

Yukon First Nations governments were responsible for assessing eligibility and assigning devices to their citizens, and Yukon University provided administrative support for the initiative and coordinated with the 11 participating Yukon First Nations.

The Government of Yukon is also donating retired Apple classroom laptops to the Computers for Schools recycling program to support equitable learning opportunities for K-12 students. To date 30 devices have been redeployed to Computers for Schools with more expected to come.

March 3, 2022
Date

G. McLean
Signature