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Sent via email

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Dear Ted Hupé:

Re: Private Member's Bill – Locally Developed Courses of Study

Thank you for your email dated April 2, 2024, emphasizing your concerns about consultation with the Yukon Association of Education Professionals regarding a proposed amendment to the Education Act.

The Yukon NDP tabled Private Member's Bill No.#307 Act to Amend the Education Act. This amendment would see Subsection 43 (2) of the Education Act amended to remove the limit on locally developed courses. I have attached Bill No.#307 for your reference.

As you've pointed out, amending the Education Act has the potential to impact education partners, including the Yukon Association of Education Professionals. I am reaching out to partners to ensure they are aware of the proposed amendment to the Education Act being brought forward by the Yukon NDP. I would like to assure you that our government recognizes the unique needs of Yukon communities and First Nations, and we are pleased, to offer educational courses that are responsive and relevant to local contexts across the three school authorities.

Our curriculum framework, heavily influenced by British Columbia's policies, supports the creation of Yukon-specific courses that count towards graduation, emphasizing the value of local and Indigenous content. However, we welcome the conversation about increasing the availability of locally developed courses. Our government already recognizes the unique needs of Yukon communities and First Nations and we place a high value on offering educational courses that are responsive and relevant to local contexts.



The process is evolving quickly and the Yukon NDP have called Bill No.#307 for second reading debate this afternoon, April 3, 2024, of which I will speak to. As part of the Confidence and Supply agreement between the Yukon Liberals and the Yukon NDP, the Yukon NDP can table a Private Member's Bill that the Yukon Liberals will support in second reading to allow the Bill to receive a final vote at third reading. At third reading, the parties may choose to support the Bill or vote against it.

I look forward to continued collaboration on education priorities.

Sincerely,

Jeanie McLean
Minister of Education