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Currie Dixon, Chair Standing Committee on Public Accounts Yukon Legislative Assembly 2166-2nd Avenue Whitehorse, YT Y1A 4P1

Dear Currie Dixon:

Re: Status update on the Report of the Auditor General of Canada to the Legislative Assembly of Yukon – Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Education in Yukon – Department of Education

I am writing in response to your letter of August 20, 2021, requesting an update on the Auditor General of Canada's report, Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Education in Yukon.

I appreciate the opportunity to share the department's ongoing work to address the recommendations from the audit with the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. The attached Response Report outlines actions the department has taken and/or will take to address the audit's recommendations.

In March 2020, COVID-19 instantly forced our school system to adapt and respond quickly in a rapidly changing and unpredictable crises situation; however, we've continued working with education partners to engage in significant system renewal. Our focus has been on Yukon First Nations education and collaboration with Yukon First Nations; supporting student learning needs through inclusive and special education; supporting staff learning needs through professional development, training and resources focusing on competency-based K-12 curriculum; student outcomes and system quality assurance. As we reflect on the ongoing impacts of the pandemic, we are learning that a global pandemic presents an opportunity to amplify systemic renewal as a fundamental priority for our recovery and regeneration of public education in Yukon.

If you have any questions on this Response Report, or would like further updates as we work to address the audit's recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

The department will continue to use the audit's recommendations to guide our plans and decisions to improve and modernize learning supports for Yukon students, with Yukon First Nations governments and our partners in education.

Sincerely,

Nicole Morgan

Deputy Minister of Education

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