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Ms. Paradis,

Thank you for your email dated April 7th, regarding T1D. Below are our answers to your questions.

1. Yukon schools follow the requirements of the Administration of Medication to Students Policy, which includes processes for documentation of chronic medical conditions that may require support from adults while at school. A collaborative approach is taken to develop a detailed and specific response plan to keep the student well.

The Policy and related procedures outline roles and responsibilities among school staff, parents, and students regarding medical care and medication, including that:

- These students require planned care and support at school to ensure their safety at school. This responsibility is shared among the student, their parents, school staff, and healthcare providers.
- The parent of a child with a severe or chronic medical condition is required to inform the school of their child's condition and requirements, including providing any medication and medical devices that the student requires to the school.
- All school staff identified to provide supervisory support to a student with a severe or chronic medical condition must be informed of the student's medical condition and the planned response to emergency situations and must be provided with specific training and other support required to deal with medical emergencies and administer medication to the student.

The school bus registration form also contains information about medication and care that a student may require. This information is provided to Standard Bus, and they ensure that the student's bus driver is provided with information and training to support the student.

We are mindful of the special circumstances of T1D children and youth and understand that a T1D specific policy in Education would serve Yukon families and address parents and students concerns. Patients are best suited to describe their concerns and needs and must have a voice in developing such a policy.

2. The Putting People First report found that approximately 21% of Yukoners do not have access to a family physician. A re-elected Liberal government will implement the final report's

recommendations. We are committed to expanding access to primary health care providers, so that Yukoners have access to the services and supports they require to lead healthy, happy lives. A re-elected Liberal government will continue to expand access to physicians in Yukon. In collaboration with the Yukon Medical Association, we launched the Find a Family Doctor program in November 2019, which has produced matches for 826 people as of January 26, 2021. We will continue to work with Yukoners to ensure they have access to endocrinologists and other specialists.

3. As a result of listening to Yukoners, the Yukon Liberal Government became the first government in Canada to provide continuous glucose monitors (CGMs) for all Yukoners with type 1 diabetes. We are also the first government in Canada to offer Yukoners with type 1 diabetes over the age of 18 with coverage for their choice of either fully funded CGM or fully funded flash glucose monitors (Flash).

Yukon is only the third jurisdiction, behind Quebec and Ontario, to provide coverage for Flash glucose monitors and the first to cover for all eligible Yukoners.

Our ongoing work with Yukoners with type 1 diabetes, their families, local advocacy groups and industry coincides with recommendations in the *Putting People First* report on enhancing supports for individuals for improved health outcomes.

We support choice for Yukoners with type 1 diabetes and encourage them to work with their physician to determine the most appropriate support to manage their diabetes.

We will continue to work with patients to address their concerns regarding drug and device needs.

4. We have demonstrated our ability to listen, collaborate and work with Yukoners on a variety of health care issues over the last 4 years, including the creation of the Putting People First plan and the Aging in Place Strategy. We would be very pleased to work with you to develop a Type 1 diabetes strategy to respond to the needs of Yukoners.

Thank you for your interest in the Yukon Liberal Party.

Sincerely,



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