

Yukon Legislative Assembly
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To the Yukon Legislative Assembly:

This petition of the undersigned shows:

THAT it took the Government of Yukon 21 months to communicate to parents about a former teaching assistant charged and convicted of the 2019 sexual assault of a student at Hidden Valley Elementary School;

THAT the Government of Yukon did not communicate to parents about the sexual assault until after the media reported on it in July 2021;

THAT this failure to communicate meant that other alleged child victims of the sex offender who have since come forward, did not get the support they needed in a timely manner from their parents and health professionals;

THAT the Minister of Education at the time, the Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee, and the Department of Education knew about the sexual assault and did not communicate it publicly, as demonstrated by documents acquired through the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; and

THAT anyone not taking a child-centred approach to delivering education in the territory should face real-world consequences for their actions or inaction;

THEREFORE, the undersigned ask the Yukon Legislative Assembly to urge the Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee to clearly disclose to the public when she was made aware of the 2019 sexual assault at Hidden Valley Elementary School, and what direction she gave Department of Education officials – including any direction regarding communicating about this serious incident to parents.

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