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Re: Request for Yukon Party position on Catholic Education in Yukon

The Catholic schools of the Yukon are an important platform for the delivery of education to young Yukoners. Your schools are also community hubs that bring together Yukoners from all walks of life under a single roof. The Yukon NDP supports the Yukon's catholic schools on both these fronts, and we are committed to helping schools deliver the highest quality education they can.

To that end, the Yukon's catholic schools will benefit from many of the commitments that have been made by the Yukon NDP. As you might be aware, we have announced additional resources for Yukon schools. These include changes in how mental health resources can be accessed within the school system, but also additional resources towards providing educational assessments to make sure that students are assessed for supports needed at the earliest opportunity. These resources will help address existing shortcomings towards inclusive education in the Yukon.

In addressing the findings of the Auditor General's report on education in the Yukon, we will hire 50 more learning assistance teachers and educational assistants to support teachers. This will

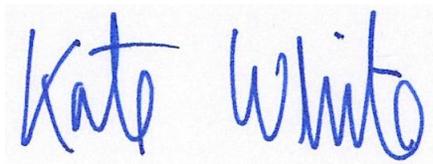
increase the amount of educator attention that all students can receive. We'll also make sure that learning assistance teachers and educational assistants receive special training in trauma-informed care, restorative conflict resolution, and literacy instruction as we work towards the Right to Read for all Yukon students. These actions will be taken as a direct consequence of the increasing gaps in student outcomes between First Nations and non-First Nations, as well as rural and urban students. We will continuously listen to teachers, educators, parents, and students as we introduce these programs into school. It's important to the Yukon NDP that everyone has a seat at the table, and more importantly, that everyone is heard on these issues.

In keeping with our promises of a healthier and greener Yukon, we will provide additional resources, supports, materials, and collaboration time for teachers and support staff at all grade levels to incorporate sport, art, and outdoor education learning in everyday teaching practice.

Finally, the Yukon NDP's collaborative approach to infrastructure planning will ensure that all schools in the Yukon have a clear understanding of resource commitments. This will increase transparency on behalf of the Department of Education, and will bring predictability into the planning of schools where it concerns staffing, infrastructure, projects, and future program delivery.

Once more, the Yukon NDP is committed to helping young Yukoners access a quality education regardless of which school or program they decide to take part in. We appreciate the hard work that the Catholic Education Association Yukon does and your ongoing commitment to the Yukon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate White".

Leader, Yukon NDP