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Ms. Robbins,

Thank you for reaching out on behalf of the Catholic Education Association Yukon with your questions.

Yukon's three Catholic schools have been an important part of Yukon's education system for decades, and we will continue to support and collaborate with Catholic school communities to the benefit of our students.

If re-elected, we will continue to improve services and experiences for Yukon students, parents and educators. We will strengthen training for school-based teams and educators to help them better address classroom violence, and ensure students have full access to Individualized Education Plans, including Student Learning Plans and Behavior Support Plans, which are protected under the *Education Act*. We also plan to work with school communities and stakeholders to develop and implement school safety transportation plans covering safe drop-off and pick-up areas, snow removal, safe crosswalks, speed control, and proper lighting, which we believe will have a significant and important impact on safety around your schools.

As a government, we accepted all of the recommendations from the 2019 Auditor General's report and are working hard to implement them. Some actions we have already taken to implement this report include: education agreements and funding support with all Yukon First Nations, engaging with Yukon First Nations on a collaboration framework and student outcome strategy, the review of inclusive and special education, and the implementation of a new teacher evaluation tool and tracking process. If re-elected, we will continue to implement all the Auditor General's recommendations, and look forward to the results of the review of inclusive and special education to help determine next steps.

We are working hard to upgrade and modernize Yukon's learning facilities. For example, we are building Whitehorse's first new elementary school in 25 years, in Whistle Bend. If re-elected, we will begin the planning process for the next elementary school replacement in Whitehorse in consultation with school communities and families. Our five year Capital Plan includes funding for various renovations and modular classroom spaces to address enrolment pressures and growing school communities.

Thank you for taking the time to write to us. We look forward to working with you over the next 4 years.

Sincerely,



Sandy Silver
Leader, Yukon Liberal Party