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Thank you for all your hard work during these first few days of school in making it a positive experience for students to re-enter classrooms after a long time away from their teachers and peers. We know that this is a particularly challenging start to a school year and we appreciate all your efforts, patience and collaboration as we adapt to teaching and learning during the pandemic, including having to follow the health and safety measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. Our educational consultants are here to support you and we encourage you to contact them for guidance on delivering learning this school year.

We will be sending out the Educator Update every week at the start of this new school year to make sure you receive important information in a timely way.

## Professional Learning Opportunities

- **Learning Recovery**

In the 'Learning Recovery' section of the [Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements](#) document, it is recommended for primary teachers to assess the reading levels of their students, within the first 2 weeks of school, using the PM Benchmark Kit in order to plan for instruction.

If you would like support in using this tool, please reach out to Christiane Robert or Jane Wilson from the Reading Recovery Centre. They will provide guidance and support in the form of mini after-school PD sessions as requested. They can be emailed at [Christiane.Robert@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Christiane.Robert@gov.yk.ca) and [Jane.wilson@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Jane.wilson@gov.yk.ca)

- **PD Days August 18 & 19, 2020 Recordings Available**

Recordings from the August 18 and 19 PD days are now available. Similar options will be available to schools with different PD days and will be sent directly to the schools.

- August 18, 2020 Health & Safety Professional Development Day [Recordings](#)
- August 19, 2020 [Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements](#) Professional Development Day [Recordings](#)

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- **Book a Secondary Consultant**

[Tanya Lewis](#), [Flora Asp](#) and [Mark Connell](#) will be visiting high school teachers/schools the first three weeks of school to offer support with planning, Yukon First Nation Curriculum, COVID-19 strategizing, blended learning setup and any other support you may need. They are available in person (Whitehorse teachers) and via Zoom.

To book a specific time other than the times listed below, contact us at:

- Tanya Lewis: [tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca](mailto:tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca)
- Flora Asp: [flora.asp@gov.yk.ca](mailto:flora.asp@gov.yk.ca)
- Mark Connell: [mark.connell@gov.yk.ca](mailto:mark.connell@gov.yk.ca)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Flora Asp / Mark Connell</i>	<i>Tanya Lewis</i>
<i>Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>VCSS</i>	<i>PCSS (Tanya not available on 24<sup>th</sup>)</i>
<i>Aug.26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>FHC</i>	<i>VCSS</i>
<i>Aug 28<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>FHC</i>	<i>PCSS</i>
<i>Aug. 31 – Sept. 2nd</i>	<i>PCSS</i>	<i>FHC</i>
<i>Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>FHC</i>	<i>VCSS</i>

- **myBlueprint for Career Education 8, Career Education 9, and Career Life Education**

The license for myBlueprint, an online career education program has been renewed. The Education Planner is a comprehensive education and career/life planning program with the tools students need to make the most informed decisions about their future. Additional features of this program include:

- Customized lesson plans aimed at helping meet the Curricular Competencies and Content of Yukon’s career education curriculum
- Course packages to support Career Education 8, Career Education 9 and Career Life Education
- Course packages to help support the development of the Core Competencies.

The login information remains the same as last school year. If you don’t have an account yet, please see the [secondary curriculum website](#) for details. Also visit the secondary curriculum website for parental/guardian permission forms as they must be filled out before student use.

A training session is scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30 with a myBlueprint employee. Email Tanya Lewis at [Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca) to register for this training session.

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## Reporting and assessments

- **Communicating Student Learning**

An updated Q&A on Communicating Student Learning is available for download on the [Curriculum and Assessment Webpage](#). For questions, contact Tanya Lewis at [Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca) or 332-0491.

## Resources for educators

- **Updated Yukon Learning Continuity of Learning Requirements**

Please see the updated [Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements for 2020-21](#) as of August 18, 2020.

- [August 14, 2020 Educator Update](#)

Read the last edition of the Educator Update. All Educator Updates are posted at <http://lss.yukonschools.ca/>

- **Science Connections 8, 9, and 10**

Online access to science connections 8, 9, and 10 have been renewed for this school year. The access codes will be sent out as soon as they arrive. In the meantime, go to [www.connectschool.ca](http://www.connectschool.ca) to register:

- Select "REGISTER A NEW COURSE" arrow button
- Agree to Terms and Conditions – Click Teacher button
- Provide your normal login email address (must be a school email address)
- If already registered – Log into the system with your username (email address) and password (created by you) information
- Fill in the Form and use the following PASSCODES:
  - Sci Conn 8 - EVU4HQ83XSBALE3FKNHM /
  - Sci Conn 9 - YMC32TJD5RNG6HMRMXLV /
  - Sci Conn 10 - BCSCIENCE10TRIAL2018
- Once the passcodes are entered and accepted, Log Out
- Wait approximately 15 minutes and Log Back In.

Your Science Connections 8/9/10 Courses will now show up in the My Courses List.

- **Sample health and safety lessons**

French translations of the sample health and safety lessons will be available soon.

- [Grades K-3](#)
- [Grades 4-9](#)
- [Grades 10-12](#)

- **Connected North expanded pilot program wants to keep hearing from Yukon educators**

Watch this short [overview and welcome video](#). Review the [catalogue of offerings](#) and complete the [sign up form](#). For help completing the form, contact Brenda Sherry at [bsherry@takingitglobal.org](mailto:bsherry@takingitglobal.org).

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## Other opportunities for schools

- **Create to Learn**

[Create to Learn](#) supports learning by connecting students to Indigenous media makers and artists as trainer-mentors. These tutorials focus on sharing digital skills and/or traditional knowledge by incorporating innovative technology tools.

They are looking for Indigenous artists, authors, and media makers with skills related to creativity and/or digital content production to share in tutorial videos. [Learn more and apply](#)

- **[Rising Youth Program](#)**

Grants up to \$1500 are available for youth between the ages of 15 and 30 to access resources that will support their leadership in community projects. High school students are encouraged to [apply](#).

## Action items for consideration

- For support with the PM Benchmark Kit contact [Christiane.Robert@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Christiane.Robert@gov.yk.ca) and [Jane.wilson@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Jane.wilson@gov.yk.ca).
- Watch the recorded PD of classroom ready health and safety resources from the [August 18 PD Day](#)
- Watch the recorded PD on the continuity of learning requirements from the [August 19 PD Day](#)
- Book a secondary consultant for support: [tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca](mailto:tanya.lewis@gov.yk.ca), [flora.asp@gov.yk.ca](mailto:flora.asp@gov.yk.ca), [mark.connell@gov.yk.ca](mailto:mark.connell@gov.yk.ca)
- Register for a myBlueprint training session on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:30. Email [Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca)
- Read the [updated Q&A on Communicating Student Learning](#)
- Read the updated [Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements for 2020-21](#)
- Read the [August 14, 2020 Educator Update](#)
- Register for Science Connections 8/9/10 at [www.connectschool.ca](http://www.connectschool.ca)
- See the sample lesson plans for health and safety [Grades K-3](#), [Grades 4-9](#), [Grades 10-12](#)
- [Connected North Expanded Pilot](#). Review the [catalogue of offerings](#) and complete the [sign up form](#). Contact Brenda Sherry at [bsherry@takingitglobal.org](mailto:bsherry@takingitglobal.org).
- [Learn more and apply](#) for the [Create to Learn](#) initiative
- Encourage your high school students to apply for the [Rising Youth](#) grant