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Online Tool Launched for Inclusive and Special Education Review

An online tool has been launched to support students, families, school and central administrations staff, school councils, Yukon First Nations and education partners to share their experiences and perspectives with inclusive and special education.

All staff are encouraged to participate. You can share your experiences at:

<https://app.spryng.io/goto/6DhtiyieGZSruKpi2Mypyb>.

Please note:

- **If using a phone or tablet:** select 'browser' in the pop-up to continue to the online tool. The app is not being used for this engagement.
- This is the English version of the online tool. The French translated version will be available in the coming weeks and an update will be provided when it is available.

The Department of Education's inclusive and special education programs are being reviewed in response to recommendations from the Auditor General of Canada's 2019 Audit Report. Dr. Nikki Yee, a specialist in the field of special education, is leading the review. Dr. Yee will be reviewing the experiences shared through the online tool to learn the different perspectives across the education system as part of her overall review.

Dr. Yee also recently completed a focus group session with Learning Assistance Teachers and School Counsellors on December 8th. An invitation for school staff and school administrators to work together to identify Aboriginal language teachers, teachers and educational assistant representatives for a January 15 focus group with Dr. Yee has also gone out. School staff should contact their school administrators about participating or refer to the attached letters from Dr. Yee.

Assessment and Reporting

Assessing the Competencies in Mathematics

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The Assessing the Competencies in Mathematics session will be kicked off with BC educator Mike Pruner sharing some of the things that he is doing in his classroom. If you wish to attend this the details are below:

When: Jan 13, 2021 (4:30-6:00 Yukon Time)

Where: <https://sfu.zoom.us/j/87438392265?pwd=ekVEMVZldnpSMXF2aDh4TVpIRWU0Zz09> (password 614311)

Who: Anyone who teaches math in and is interested in the topic

Resources for Educators

Connected North Session Menus

- The Connected North Session Menus have arrived in all schools! There have been over 70 classroom sessions booked and delivered already this school year; but, if you are still not sure what Connected North is all about? Check out the links below and contact bsherry@takingitglobal.org for more information about how you can access this amazing resource of Virtual Field Trips and Indigenous Role Models at no cost to your school! Website: <https://connectednorth.org/en/>. Online Session Menu: [English](#) or [French](#).

K-12 Christmas Numeracy Ideas

Check this Numeracy board on Pinterest! <https://pin.it/6rBe2SC>

Professional Learning Opportunities

January 15 PD Day

For those of you that have a PD day on January 15 (most Yukon schools) and have some unplanned times throughout the day, there are some offerings compiled, both live and on-demand, by Yukon Education and some also by the YTA PD Chair. Many more sessions are still to be incorporated, and are available for viewing [here](#) after you have logged into [Rapid Identity](#) with your yesnet e-mail and Rapid Identity password.

Network of Inquiry and Indigenous Education (NOIIE) Event

January 18 with Kath Murdoch, the author of *The Power of Inquiry*, will be the speaker of this NOIIE event. If you missed the notices on twitter, here's a [link](#) to express your interest in attending. Enjoy the event?

EdCamp

Ed Camp is going virtual this year, on Saturday, January 23. It is a place to connect with other teachers with a focus on learning more and sharing about the Core Competencies. Registration is in the link below if you're interested. <https://edcampbcc.weebly.com>

Other Opportunities for Schools

Ethics Bowl

The Ethics Bowl is a both a collaborative and competitive team event, in which grade 9-12 students discuss interesting and currently relevant topics that have ethical dimensions. The event is structured as a

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pedagogically-enhanced debate focused on developing quality arguments as part of a respectful conversation. This year, the Ethics Bowl will be held online, entirely free, and Yukon teams are invited to take part! More info: <https://www.sfu.ca/philosophy/bcethicsbowl.html> or contact Nic Fillion (nfillion@sfu.ca).

You Be The Chemist Challenge®

[Register](#) your grades 5-8 students in a free, virtual science competition today! Please see the official [rules](#) for more information.

Arctic Inspiration Prize

The Yukon Teachers' Association (YTA) is now an official ambassador for the Arctic Inspiration Prize. Every year, up to 3 million in prizes go to projects that benefit Canada's Arctic region. Only ambassadors can nominate teams for the Arctic Inspiration Prize. If you wish to be nominated for a project that will benefit your school and community, you are welcome to contact the YTA. <https://www.arcticinspirationprize.ca/>

Action Items for Consideration

- Participate in the Inclusive and Special Education Review @ <https://app.spryng.io/goto/6DhtiyieGZSruKpi2Mypyb>.
- [Collaborate with colleagues](#) on assessing the competencies in math.
- Check out the links below and contact bsherry@takingitglobal.org for a Virtual Field Trips or to engage with an Indigenous Role Model. Website: <https://connectednorth.org/en/>. Online Session Menu: [English](#) or [French](#)
- Check out Check this Numeracy board on Pinterest! <https://pin.it/6rBe2SC>
- For those of you that have a PD day on January 15 (most Yukon schools) and have some unplanned times throughout the day check out [January 15 PD Day](#)
- Consider engaging in a [professional learning opportunity](#) with colleagues.
- [Register](#) a team of your students for the Ethics Bowl.
- [Register](#) your grades 5-8 students for the You Be The Chemist Challenge.

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- Register for the 2020-21 Yukon Education Learning Networks @ <https://bit.ly/3mEQrpg>.
- Additional Fountas & Pinnell Implementation Support Webinar Registration: [Jan 13th | 4pm EST](#), [Jan 13th | 6pm EST](#), [Feb 10th | 4pm EST](#), [Feb 10th | 6pm EST](#), [Mar 10th | 4pm EST](#), or [Mar 10th | 6pm EST](#)
- Become a part of the Let's Talk Science Educator Advisory Panel by contacting rmascarenhas@letstalkscience.ca.
- Contact exams@gov.bc.ca if interested in becoming credentialed to mark the Gr. 10 Numeracy Assessment

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- View the updated Math First People (Elementary and Secondary) @ <http://www.fnesc.ca/math-first-peoples/>.
- Log into the [Secondary TEAMS](#) and view Science Channel to access resources for Anatomy and Physiology 12.
- Visit the Yukon Education Resource Services [Digital Resources page](#).
- [What Happens If There is a COVID-19 Case Connected to a School?](#)
- [Roles and Responsibilities if a COVID-19 Case is Connected to a School](#)
- Review the updated guidelines for K-12 school settings are now posted on [Yukon.ca](#).
- RSVP for the Online Info Session: [Ed Leadership: Leading for Educational Change in the Yukon EdD Cohort Program](#) that is taking place in February.
- Review the Laser Cutter Resources Page which includes the [Laser Cutter Schedule](#) and FAQs as there is a location shift soon.
- Register for the Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series [English French](#).
- Check out resources built for you: [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators' Place](#) and [YESNet Portal](#).

Quick Education Links for 2020-21 School Year

- [Education updates and supports on COVID-19](#)
- [Updated 2020-21 school calendar important dates](#)
- [Find your school operational plan](#)
- [School bus information and schedules](#)
- [Health and safety guidelines for K-12 school settings](#)

Quick Links to Resources on COVID-19 Related Topics

- [COVID-19 Directive 6](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [How to wear a non-medical mask poster](#)
- [Mental health and wellness supports](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Talking and Sharing with Kids and Families on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 and teenagers: Supporting Youth Mental Wellness](#)
- [COVID-19 counselling and crisis support](#)
- [Practice Safe 6](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations](#)