

The Grade 12 French Immersion Literacy Assessment (Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année-Français langue seconde-immersion) will take place in January 2022. The written component will be on January 25 and the oral component will take place the week of January 17. There will be an online info session about this assessment on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please contact [Melissa Halpenny](#), 2nd language Curriculum Consultant, to register.

Professional learning opportunities

Mental health literacy

We all have mental health, just as we all have physical health. What is mental health and mental illness? Mental health literacy is important for children, adults and communities. Sessions will assist staff with: understanding mental health and mental illnesses, fostering good mental health and resiliency skills, decreasing stigma associated with mental health, and supporting children and their families in accessing help effectively.

If you are a teacher or EA responsible for teaching and/or supporting mental health curriculum for grade 9 and 10 students, [‘The Guide’ training](#) may be helpful to you. Please contact Brenda Jenner (Brenda.Jenner@yukon.ca or 867-456-6587) to register for the January 11 training.

Mental health strategies to support students

Are you interested in learning more about strategies to support your students with mental health? Please register for some upcoming after school sessions to dig deeper into supporting students overall mental health and well-being:

- Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (online via ZOOM)
- Thursday, Dec. 16 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (in-person in Whitehorse)

To register – or for more information – contact Nikki.Krocker@yukon.ca or 867-332-0631.

Resources for educators

Connected North

Have you signed up for Connected North’s free virtual field trips and visits with Indigenous providers? If not, please contact bsherry@takingitglobal.org to get added to our booking site or to have your questions answered. [Watch this video](#) to see how easy it is to search and find virtual field trips for your class. You can also see an online menu of sessions in both [English](#) and [French](#).

A recommendation from a Connected North teacher:

"I teach Social Studies courses and Connected North has proved to be an invaluable resource. I have booked several sessions, ranging from Indigenous Law to speaking with a Holocaust survivor, that have expanded student understanding. The process of booking sessions is also extremely teacher friendly. I would highly recommend more teachers take advantage of this amazing resource to speak to experts in various fields of study."

Yukon Teacher, Monica Sharma - Secondary

Other opportunities

Educational Leadership program

Simon Fraser University will be offering a Whitehorse-based EdD program: Educational Leadership: Leading for Educational Change in the Yukon beginning in September 2022. Registration is now open. Please see the [course website](#) for more details.

Inclusive and Special Education Community of Inquiries

The November 12 Department of Education Summit on Inclusive and Special Education launched 8 communities of inquiry that will engage in a collaborative inquiry process to address Inclusive and Special Education in the Yukon. If you have missed the summit and wish to hear more about these communities of inquiry, please reach out to Kendra Black (Kendra.Black@yukon.ca) or Tanya Lewis (Tanya.Lewis@yukon.ca).

Student debate opportunity

Nicola Langille, on behalf of the Canadian Student Debating Federation is seeking teachers interested in setting up day or half-day debate workshops in 2022. Nicola Langille is a lawyer based in Yellowknife, working to increase exposure to debating among students in the North. A team of facilitators can be sent to your school to provide the workshops, and potentially opportunities for mini debate competitions between the schools. If you're interested in discussing what this might look like at your school, please feel free to reach out at nicola.langille.debate@gmail.com, or by phone at 647-217-9818.

Action items for consideration

- Check out the [Professional Learning Opportunities](#) featured in this update.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week.
- Check out [other opportunities](#) featured in this update.

Reminders from past Educator Updates

- Book a session with [Connected North](#) or reach out to bsherry@takingitglobal.org

Quick links to resources related to our COVID-19 response

- [K-12 School Guidelines for 2021-22: COVID-19](#)
- [Yukon Education Recovery Document: Guidelines for K-12 Schools](#)
- [Can your child go to school or return to regular activities?](#)
- [Education updates and supports on COVID-19](#)
- [Talking and Sharing with Kids and Families on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 and teenagers: Supporting Youth Mental Wellness](#)
- [Mental health and wellness support during COVID-19](#)
- [Wellness Together Canada free resources and support](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](#)
- [Practice the Safe 6 plus 1](#)
- [Non-medical masks in the workplace](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)

