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## Reporting and Assessment

- **Student assessment survey for 2019-20 school year**

Last school year, we surveyed parents at a cohort of schools that started following the new assessment and reporting requirements in 2017-18. This year, we will be surveying schools that started in 2018-19. The survey will run from Feb. 17 to March 15. Read more about the survey and look at the [results from last year](#).

The assessment and reporting practices for 2019-20 are finalized and will not change. The intention of the survey is to provide schools with more feedback that will help improve the reports we provide to parents and students. It will also help inform the department on how to further support schools with assessment and reporting. The schools that will be surveyed this school year include:

- Chief Zzeh Gittlit School
- Christ the King Elementary School
- Elijah Smith Elementary School
- F.H. Collins Secondary School
- Golden Horn Elementary School
- Holy Family Elementary School
- J.V. Clark School
- Porter Creek Secondary School
- Robert Service School
- Tantalus School

Your feedback is also important to us. If educators have questions or suggestions, please send them to [paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca](mailto:paula.thompson@gov.yk.ca).

## Great-West Life

- **Great-West Life name change in 2020**

Great-West Life is changing their name to Canada Life. You will continue to see the name Great-West Life during a transition period.

Canada Life will be the new brand under which they will deliver and communicate all products and services. There will be no change in the service being provided to Yukon government employees. [Find out more](#)

## Curriculum

- **Core Competency material update**

The Core Competency framework from the BC Ministry of Education has recently undergone some amendments after an initial period of use. These tweaks are a deepening of the previous framework and do not represent a foundational shift.

Yukon Education is hosting a day of collaboration to align and update existing Core Competency materials and resources used in Yukon Schools. Goals for the day include: co-creating resources; developing practical applications for classroom use; professional development focused on core competencies.

When: Wednesday, March 4, 2020, Time: 8:45-3:00, Location: TBD

Please RSVP by Thursday, February 20, 2020 to: [jesse.jewell@gov.yk.ca](mailto:jesse.jewell@gov.yk.ca)

- **New instructional samples**

Find [new instructional samples](#) for all grade levels, written by teachers as exemplars for the new curriculum, on the BC Curriculum website.

- **Resources through Connected North**

Express your interest in a February 10, 11, or 12 3:30 PM test session by e-mailing [Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca) in order to be the first to be able to sign up for free virtual and interactive classroom experiences for the remainder of this school year.

Through a partnership between TakingITGlobal and the Yukon Government, via the Connected North Expanded Pilot Program, schools will have access to the following resources/services to support the implementation of the curriculum in their classrooms:

- Facilitated Virtual Field Trips with galleries, museums, science centres, aquariums and zoos.
- Live Virtual Visits with Experts tailored to the subjects and interests of highest relevance to educators and students.
- Opportunities for your educators to request and participate in professional learning activities throughout the year in order to support their professional learning needs.

- A strong area of focus is highlighting Indigenous role models and pathways to higher education and careers. There are more than 50 Indigenous role models and student leaders who are attending institutions across the country and are excited to connect with students to share their knowledge and experiences.

Check out the [session menu](#) of hundreds of classroom experiences that are available to be booked from over 200 content providers with whom we collaborate. The expanded pilot will take advantage of existing technology available at your school and therefore technical testing will be required and done in February before sessions with classrooms are booked. Schools will receive more information later in February on how to book sessions.

- **Reel Canada presents: award-winning Indigenous-made film *The Grizzlies***

On April 22nd, high school students and educators across the country are invited to participate in a free nationwide webcast spotlighting the award-winning Indigenous-made film *The Grizzlies*, based on an inspiring true story about determination and resilience of a group of Inuit youth struggling with the legacy of colonization.

[Find more information and log into our live-stream](#) to participate in discussions with Canadian stars and filmmakers, engage in other online activities, and win prizes for your school.

## Professional learning opportunities

- **Connecting First Nations culture and math**

Make meaningful connections between First Nations education and math curricula by attending Nelson's upcoming five-part webinar series, [Teaching Culturally Responsive Math](#). During these \$25 sessions, you will explore approaches that focus on First Nations culture through the lens of mathematics concepts, including:

- Connections among First Nations artistry, design, and technology and the Western mathematics found in curricula,
- Research outcomes that inform a more culturally responsive mathematics classroom, and
- Inclusive pedagogy-based classroom approaches.

- **Science of Reading: The Podcast**

Listen to the [latest episodes](#) of a podcast about the science of how kids learn to read.

- **Webinar on how to Lead Lasting Grading Reform**

Based on the book *Get Set, Go!: Creating Successful Grading and Reporting Systems*, this free one-hour webinar presented by Thomas R. Guskey outlines six essential steps to implement best practices that address the needs of every student, as well as tools and strategies for implementing new grading systems and criteria.

[How to Lead Lasting Grading Reform Webinar](#)

## Other opportunities for schools

- **Kids Write 4 Kids**

Know any budding Grade 4-8 authors who dream of seeing their winning story published for the whole world to read? Help them get discovered! The deadline to [enter the contest](#) is March 31, 2020.

## Resources for educators

- [Yukon Education Resource Services Newsletter](#)

- **Improving Transitions for Indigenous Learners Through Collaborative Inquiry**

Download [the classroom poster \(1 page\)](#), [the report summary \(3 pages\)](#), or the [full report](#) (84+ pages). This spiral-based learning network continues to explore how collaborative inquiry can help educators to improve transitions for Indigenous students. It draws on insights from ten inquiry teams across British Columbia and from the coaches who were assigned to support their inquiries.

- [Vaping Prevention Toolkit](#)

This kit contains various anti-vaping resources for teachers and parents, such as infographics and information sheets, in multiple languages. All materials were pilot tested and evaluated in schools.

- [New Indigenous Education Resources](#) Check out the [Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives in K–12 Curriculum](#).

- [Educator Update Archive](#)

## Action items for consideration

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