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Assessment and Reporting

Grade 12 Literacy Assessment Field Test

Grade 12 students are invited to participate in a [field test](#) of three new assessments (Grade 12 Literacy Assessment, Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde-immersion, and Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue première) to help inform the development and administration of future assessments. Information on the field test is also available in [French](#). The field test will run February 22 – March 4, 2021.

Rural Early Kindergarten Engagement Session

Rural Administrators and Rural Kindergarten Educators are invited to share their input on Rural Early Kindergarten. Please read the following engagement documents:

- [Early Kindergarten Letter](#)
- [Early Kindergarten Program](#)
- [Early Kindergarten FAQ](#)

Please join us on Jan. 27 from 4 PM – 5 PM for a [Zoom input session](#). Please note, if you cannot attend live, a replay will be made available for your reference and there is an opportunity for written submissions.

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Professional Learning Opportunities

Numeracy Learning Recovery

For anyone who has missed Peter Liljedah's session on Creating Thinking Classrooms and building numeracy competencies, the recording has been posted in TEAMS. Please join upcoming after school sessions with Peter along with another full day on April 30. Space is limited for after school sessions to provide more individualized, personalized learning, so please reserve your spot with Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca. The session dates for Secondary (8-12) are Feb. 10, Mar. 3, and Apr. 14. The session dates for Primary/Intermediate (K-7) are Feb. 11, Mar. 4, and Apr. 15. The time for all sessions is 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM.

Critical Thinking Consortium Explanation of the New Inquiry Projects for Grades 5-12

Western Canadian Learning Network (WCLN) has worked with TC2 (Critical Thinking Consortium) to build 20 new Inquiry Projects. The projects are integrated into a variety of online courses (SS, Law, Math, Science, English ...etc.) Free online session Feb. 12 @ WCLN.ca > [Teacher Support](#) > [Pro-D Opportunities](#).

Reading and Writing Strategies for the Online and In-Person Classroom

Registration for Jennifer Serravallo's webinar series (March 2, 9, and 16, 2021) is Now Open! Tickets are on sale via [Eventbrite](#). Drawing from Jen's bestselling resources *Connecting with Students Online*, *The Reading Strategies Book* and *The Writing Strategies Book*, this webinar series will help you pinpoint goals for your readers and writers and support them over time as they work toward those goals in online or brick-and-mortar classrooms.

January 15 PD Day Recordings Available On-Demand

Permissions were in place for the recording of several of the sessions that were delivered virtually on January 15 and the access links will become available in the days ahead [here](#). Several on-demand/asynchronous sessions were also available and can be viewed at any time. As just one example, consider watching the recording of [Exploring the BC Early Learning Framework](#) for grades Early Kindergarten to 3.

Resources for Educators

Reel Opportunities: Career Workshops in Film & TV

Host a one-hour online workshop led by film industry professionals who will share their own experiences in the industry, and provide an overview of career paths in Canadian film and television. All completely free of charge! Email conactus@reelcanada.ca to get started.

Empowering Learners in a Warming World by LSF

Empowering Learners in a Warming World is a free online resource for Grades 7-12. Each of the 9 multi-lesson inquiries use active learning strategies including provocations, knowledge building, consolidations and assessments, that culminate in supporting students to take action in their schools and communities. This resource will equip teachers with the background knowledge and tools to positively approach climate change education across all subjects in their classroom and empower youth to become 'solutionaries'. This resource is

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accessible @ www.climatelearning.ca. Sign up for a [webinar launch](#) of the resource taking place on Feb. 9 @ 5 PM Yukon Time.

2021 Census Teacher's Kit

The census kit includes five activities—available in English and French—that make subjects like mathematics, social studies and English Language Arts come to life. The kit is ready for use in elementary, intermediate and secondary classes. A digital download is available on the [2021 Census website](#).

Other Opportunities for Schools

Additional Tutoring Support

The Innovative Enhancement Program (IEP) Learning organization is accepting K-12 students for online or in-person tutoring every Mon. – Fri. 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM, Saturdays 10 AM - 6 PM. Email: iep@northwestel.net.

Action Items for Consideration

- Rural administrators and rural Kindergarten educators [Zoom input session](#) on Jan. 27 4 PM – 5 PM.
- Grade 12 students are invited to participate in a [field test](#) of three new assessments (Grade 12 Literacy Assessment, Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue seconde-immersion, and Évaluation de littératie de la 12e année – Français langue première)
- Consider engaging in either live or on-demand [professional learning opportunity](#) with colleagues.
- Check out the featured [resources](#) this week including the 2021 Census Teacher's Kit.
- Share the [Other Opportunities for Schools](#) with your students.

Some Reminders from Previous Updates

- The administration of the YFSAs has been postponed until February 15 – March 12, 2021.
- The January 2021 graduation assessment administration session runs January 18 - 29, 2021.
- Visit TEAMS for important details on these [Grade 10 Literacy](#) and [Grade 10 Numeracy](#) Assessments.
- YFSA Exemption and Adaptation forms can be filled out and emailed to Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca.
- Learning Together program educators and rural primary educators are asked to reach out through Michelle.Gillard@gov.yk.ca for support.
- Whitehorse primary educators are asked to reach out through Flora.Asp@gov.yk.ca for support.
- Contribute a resource to the www.shareEdBC.ca collection and earn up to \$75 in classroom resources.
- Contact bsherry@takingitglobal.org for Virtual Field Trips or to engage with an Indigenous Role Model. Website: <https://connectednorth.org/en/>. Online Session Menu: [English](#) or [French](#). ([Session Statistics](#))
- Register for the Apple Virtual Teaching and Learning with iPad Series [English French](#). For example, *Storytelling as a Means of Inclusion* on January 28 5 PM – 6 PM Yukon Time.
- Virtual Youth Forum on Climate Action for Grades 7-12 from Jan. 13 – Feb. 18. [Register](#)

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- Additional (Literacy) Fountas & Pinnell Implementation Support Webinar Registration: [Feb 10th | 4pm EST](#), [Feb 10th | 6pm EST](#), [Mar 10th | 4pm EST](#), or [Mar 10th | 6pm EST](#)
- Participate in the [Inclusive and Special Education Review](#) that is open until January 24.
- Contact Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca for more info about a series of short, focused Communicating Student Learning after school sessions starting Jan. 26. Details on TEAMS: [Primary](#), [Intermediate](#), and [Secondary](#).
- Leaders Harnessing the Power of Goal Setting by Connect2Learning on Jan. 27 @ 11 AM [Register](#)
- Introduction to Restorative Practices (Level 1) Jan. 28 - 29, 9 AM -3 PM. Registration: \$300. [Register](#)
- Stillness Workshop Feb. 5. [More info and registration](#).
- RSVP for the Online Info Session: [Ed Leadership: Leading for Educational Change in the Yukon EdD Cohort Program](#) taking place on February 18.
- The 2021 Annual Visible Learning Conference by Corwin is now virtual and is on July 20-23. [Register now](#).
- View the [updated Math First People \(Elementary and Secondary\)](#).
- Review the Laser Cutter Resources Page which includes the [Laser Cutter Schedule](#) and FAQs.
- Check out resources built for you: [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators' Place](#), Resource Services [Digital Resources](#), 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 setting \(updated November 2020\)](#)

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](#)