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Message from the Deputy Minister

Dear Educators,

As the 2023/2024 school year comes to a close, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your incredible hard work and dedication. Your commitment to fostering the growth and wellbeing of our students has been extraordinary.

This year, you have faced challenges with resilience and creativity, ensuring that our students continue to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, they are deeply appreciated and have supported the success of our students.

Thank you for your unwavering dedication and passion. The work that is done together shapes the futures of our students and the future of our communities and society. Your contributions are invaluable, and I am honoured by the work you do each day, and to hold you up and celebrate you in this vital mission.

Looking ahead, I am confident that with your ongoing dedication, we will make even greater strides in achieving our educational goals. For now, I hope you take the time to rest and recharge.

Wishing you a well-deserved summer filled with joy, laughter, and relaxation.

With deepest thanks,

Mary Cameron

Deputy Minister of Education

Job posting – educational consultant

Educators in the K-12 system with different areas of strengths are encouraged to apply for the posted [Education Consultant position](#). If you have questions, please reach out to Tanya.Lewis@yukon.ca.

The posting closes on **Monday, June 10th, 2024**.

Strong Nations Publishing

[Strong Nations](#) is an Indigenous owned and operated publishing house and online bookstore located in Nanaimo on the traditional and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. Since 2010 they have created and facilitated the acquisition of authentic Indigenous resources with the aim of developing a deeper understanding of Indigenous Peoples, cultures, and rights among all people. See the attached flyer.

Yukon's French as a Second Language Summer Institute

In collaboration with Yukon Education's French Programs branch, l'Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY) is thrilled to invite you to participate in a week of activities for French educators! Teachers, administrators, and educational assistants of all language proficiency levels are all welcome to attend.

Under the theme "Voyager sans bouger", you are invited to use your French in a unique experiential context! Register early for your chance to join a week of language development through a variety of fun and authentic local activities in French.

Visit the [Institute's website](#) for more information and to register. Don't hesitate to contact Émilie at formation@afy.com if you have any questions!

Institut d'été de français langue seconde au Yukon

En collaboration avec les Programmes en français du ministère de l'Éducation du Yukon, l'Association franco-yukonnaise (AFY) est heureuse de vous inviter à participer à une semaine d'activités pour les éducateurs et éducatrices de et en français langue seconde! Le corps enseignant, les membres de la direction ainsi que le personnel de soutien de tous niveaux de compétences langagières sont les bienvenus.

Sous la thématique de « Voyager sans bouger », vous êtes invité(e)s à vivre une expérience unique en français. Inscrivez-vous rapidement pour avoir la chance de participer à cette semaine de développement langagier à travers des activités authentiques et amusantes en français à Whitehorse!

Consulter [la page de l'Institut](#) pour obtenir plus d'informations et pour vous inscrire. N'hésitez pas à contacter Émilie à formation@afy.com si vous avez des questions.

Redefining the role of the educational assistant

Last November, the Reimagining inclusive and special education (RISE) division facilitated a feedback session for educational assistants [November 24, 2024, PD Day] that reviewed the current working definition, roles and responsibilities of education assistants as well as the EA Moodle course.

Feedback from this session indicated that the current definition does not sufficiently address the wide range of student needs on the ground, lacks clarity on how teachers and educational assistants should collaborate, and would ultimately benefit from updates through a culturally sensitive and trauma-informed lens. It was determined that re-defining the role of the EA was a necessary precursor to updating the EA Moodle course and developing a training plan.

With the input from the PD Day as well as the information from a jurisdictional scan looking at the roles and responsibilities of EAs in other jurisdictions, we will be drafting a new definition of the role of the educational assistant over the summer months.

We would like to invite interested administrators and educators to be part of a working group that reviews the draft updates to the role starting in the new school year. Ideally, this working group would be made of up administrators, teachers, educational assistants and other school staff from all three school districts.

If you are interested in participating, please share your contact information [here](#) by June 14, 2024. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Shelby Maunder, Project Manager, at Shelby.maunder@yukon.ca.

Finish the school year with fun STEAM activities

Summer is almost here, and your students are getting excited for the end of the school year! Your class will enjoy these educational and entertaining activities from the Canada Agriculture and Food Museum, the Canada Aviation and Space Museum and the Canada Science and Technology Museum.

Our [Try This Out activities and experiments](#) will amaze your students, while our [Digital Learning Kits](#) offer curricula-linked lesson plans for all grade levels. To develop nation of innovators, look to the STEM Education Toolkit for activities related to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

Quick Links

- [School health and safety during COVID-19](#)
- [Mental health and wellness support](#)
- [Yukon Kindergarten to Grade 12 Education Recovery Plan](#)
- [Yukon information on COVID-19](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations COVID-19 info hub](#)