

# Educator Update

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## FAQ for School Staff

Please see the attached FAQ for school staff for answers to common questions. This will be updated and attached each week. If you have any questions about health and safety, human resources or learning programming this school year, please contact your principal first. Any updates are highlighted.

## Reporting and Assessments

### Grade 10 Literacy Assessment Reminder

For this year only: Grade 12 students are not required to write the Grade 10 Literacy Assessment, including Évaluation de littératie de la 10e année – Français langue première for programme francophone students.

### Early Years Evaluation (EYE) and Boehm for Kindergarten

Kindergarten teachers can now log into their EYE accounts and view their class lists. You should have received an email from the Learning Bar with instructions on how to log in and use the EYE system. You should also have received an email from Gabriel Stetkiewicz containing your Boehm class spreadsheets. Use that spreadsheet to input your data.

If you have not received these emails or have any questions on using the EYE system or the Boehm input file please contact Gabriel Stetkiewicz at [Gabriel.Stetkiewicz@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Gabriel.Stetkiewicz@gov.yk.ca) or at (867) 333 0105.

## Resources for Educators

### Connected North Sessions: Indigenous Role Models

Connected North has a variety of sessions focused on Indigenous Role Models who can share with your class their lived experience around the topic of Residential Schools through discussion, art, and literature.

If you would like to arrange a virtual visit to follow up with Orange Shirt Day, please contact Connected North Education Coordinator Brenda Sherry at [bsherry@takingitglobal.org](mailto:bsherry@takingitglobal.org).

## **BOKS exercises available for classrooms**

[BOKS](#) is a free program with simple exercises that show us how to keep active with daily burst activities, mindful minutes, creative weekly challenges and follow-along videos. They can be done in the classroom or at your desk to help balance brains and bodies in only minutes a day.

[Sign up for free BOKS resources here](#) or reach out to [Lauren Hutchison](#), BOKS Canada (403) 826-6842.

## **Sexual Health Education**

The 2019 [Canadian Guidelines for Sexual Health Education](#) and the 2020 [Questions & Answers: Sexual Health Education in Schools and Other Settings](#) are available in English and in French.

Help shape future versions of these documents by offering feedback:

on the Q&A ([www.ratetheqanda.ca](http://www.ratetheqanda.ca))

on the Guidelines ([www.ratetheguidelines.ca](http://www.ratetheguidelines.ca))

## **Live Q&A with Bob Joseph on the Indian Act**

If you have questions about the Indian Act, you can ask Bob Joseph, founder and President of Indigenous Corporate Training during a [virtual session on Zoom on October 21 at 5pm PDT](#).

You can also learn more about the Indian Act at [21 Things You May Not Have Known About The Indian Act](#).

## **Professional Learning Opportunities**

### **Instructional Skills Lab for Online Teaching (2-day course)**

This workshop is designed for people who want to practice using new tools on Zoom. The Aurora Workshop's Communication Styles for Collaboration workshop is a prerequisite.

Like all of our workshops, the [Online Instructional Skills Lab](#) will be a mixture of theory, discussion, and practice. Participants are expected to attend both days, and may need to spend some additional time preparing a mini-lesson. Maximum of 4 participants.

November 2 & 4, 2020 9:00am–3:00pm / To register, email Leigh at [aurora@LDAYukon.com](mailto:aurora@LDAYukon.com)

### **LinkedIn Learning – online educational platform**

Teachers and EAs can get a LinkedIn Learning License for free. Licenses are limited and are assigned on a first come first served basis. LinkedIn Learning is an open online course website offering video courses taught by industry experts in software, creative, and business skills. Email [Jane.Downing@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Jane.Downing@gov.yk.ca) to request yours.

### **Introduction to Inclusive Education**

The BC Ministry of Education has partnered with published author and inclusive education thought leader Shelley Moore to create a series of short “5 Moore MINUTES!” videos designed to support educators in a diverse learning environment. Videos provide practical strategies of effective design and teaching practices to meet the needs of all learners. Watch [“5 Moore MINUTES!” videos](#).

### **ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) Webinar Recordings**

Check out [all available ASCD recordings](#). Examples of available webinars:

- [How to Integrate SEL into Learning—Distance or Otherwise](#) (October 8, 2020)
- [Supporting Trans and Gender-Nonconforming Students with Pride](#) (July 9, 2019)
- [Upgrade Your Teaching: Understanding by Design Meets Neuroscience](#) (April 25, 2019)

## MindWell-U

MindWell-U Hosts free live webinars on a monthly basis on mindfulness and related topics with a variety of experts and MindWell-U Faculty. Check out the [upcoming MindWell-U webinars and register](#)

## Other opportunities for schools

### Poetry in Voice

In 2010, Poetry In Voice created a recitation contest for senior high school students. Since then, they have developed online resources for teaching for grades 6 through 12. Learn more about [Poetry In Voice](#).

### Take Me Outside Day!

Tuesday, October 21st is Take Me Outside Day. 2,000 schools and almost 2,700 Canadian educators have signed up to participate. Yukon's Remy Rodden will be leading an online show as a "warm-up" activity next Tuesday, for nation-wide audiences! If you would like to take part, sign up here: [Take Me Outside Day 2020](#).

## Action items for consideration

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- Resources and support built for you: [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators' Place](#), and [YESNet Portal](#)
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## Some reminders from previous updates

- Connect and collaborate with colleagues in one of the Yukon Educator Teams. Educators have been added to the teams but if you are not a member yet or were somehow missed, then you can join now:
  - Primary Educators, click [Yukon Primary Educators](#) to join. For help: [Betty.Burns@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Betty.Burns@gov.yk.ca)
  - Intermediate Educators, click [Yukon Intermediate Educators](#) to join. For help: [Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca)
  - Secondary Educators, click [Yukon Secondary Educators](#) to join. For help: [Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca) or [Mark.Connell@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Mark.Connell@gov.yk.ca).

- Activate your access to ShareEDBC within 21 days to access curated curriculum aligned resources.
- Watch one of the Fountas & Pennell [Literacy Webinars](#) at 4 PM or 6 PM EST Nov. 12, and Dec. 9
- Learn more about [how to prepare safer Halloween activities this year](#).
- See the updated [health and safety guidelines for singing and playing music](#).
- Take part in the UNESCO survey on integrating environmental issues in primary and secondary education at [albany.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6xLrFBzBwwmgYW1](#) by Oct. 23.
- Register for Aurora Workshop “[Turning Setbacks into Success](#)” on Oct. 21.
- Explore the [Connect2Learning Courses](#)
- Submit registrations for the [Grade 10 graduation assessments](#) through a TRAX data transfer by Oct. 16.
- Check out the updated list of [Department Authorized Courses](#) for Grades 10-12.
- MacBride Museum is still taking [bookings](#) for tours and Yukon-themed programs for K-12.
- Involve your grades 1-12 students in a [climate action project](#) that is available for six weeks beginning in October.

## Quick Education links for 2020-21 school year

- [Helpful overview document of school during 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](#)
- [Yukon Learning Continuity Requirements for 2020-21](#)
- [Blended learning handout](#)
- [Guidance on non-medical mask use in schools](#)
- [Learn more about when to keep your child home when sick](#)
- [Can my child go to school?](#) Ages 6 +. Download poster and review daily.
- [Can my child go to daycare?](#) Ages 0-5. Download poster and review daily.
- [Most current version of our Frequently Asked Questions to help answer questions. / FAQ in French](#)

## Quick links to resources on COVID-19 related topics

- [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](#)

## For general updates and health information on COVID-19

- [Yukon information on COVID-19: yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information](#)
- [Canada response and Health Canada information: canada.ca/coronavirus](#)
- [Council of Yukon First Nations: information and downloadable resources: cyfn.ca/covid-19](#)