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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

**Foundation Skills Assessment Postponed until January 2020**

In recognition of the unique circumstances facing schools as they resume in-class instruction in the context of COVID-19 this fall, the BC Ministry of Education announced Sept. 28th that the timing for the administration of the FSA is being postponed.  Assessment administration will run January 18- February 26, 2021. Please visit the [Foundation Skills Assessment web page](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/administration/program-management/assessment/foundation-skills-assessment) for the updated calendar of important FSA dates. Nikki Krocker, [Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca), can be contacted with any questions.

**School Wide Write (SWW) and District Assessment of Reading Team (DART)**

*Annual Deadline Dates:*

* Fall DART and SWW should be completed, [including data entry](http://nkrocker.yukonschools.ca/dartsww.html), by the Friday before the Thanksgiving holiday.
* Spring DART and SWW should be completed, including [data entry](http://nkrocker.yukonschools.ca/dartsww.html), by the Friday before Victoria Day.

*Where can I find an outline of the process?*

* Please embed the assessments into classroom practice where possible. For an outline of the process, please login to FirstClass and locate the SWW/DART 2019 folders.
* Instead of the AMS portal data will be entered into Aspen this year.  Please use the Aspen –[*Entering Data Instructions*](http://nkrocker.yukonschools.ca/dartsww.html)*.*
* If you have any general questions please contact Nikki Krocker:[Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca](mailto:Nikki.Krocker@gov.yk.ca).

**Registrations for the November 2020 Grade 10 Literacy and Numeracy Assessments**:

* Schools should submit registrations for the [Grade 10 graduation assessments](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20201002/trax-nov2020assessment-registrations.pdf) through a TRAX data transfer and confirm them on the Online Register (open October 6) by 11:59 P.M. Pacific Time on October 16.

# Leave deadlines for YTA members

Please see attached document outlining leave deadlines for leave such as educational leave, deferred salary, retirement, etc.

# Resources for educators

**ShareEDBC invitation should have arrived in your yesnet mailbox (or will be arriving very soon)**

ShareEdBC is an online platform by invitation only that provides access to curated resources aligned with the curriculum. You need to click on the "Activate ShareEdBC" button in the email **within 21 days**. After joining, users can log in from shareedbc.ca with your @yesnet email address as your login.

To Learn more about ShareEdBC, visit the page on yesnet.yk.ca.

# Professional learning opportunities

**New Intermediate Educators Yukon Team**

We’ve created a new Teams group for intermediate educators to collaborate with their colleagues and share information about professional development and resources. All intermediate teachers have been added to [Intermediate Teachers Teams](https://teams.microsoft.com/_?tenantId=45186b92-06e2-461c-8c8e-4566af8f511e#/school/conversations/General?threadId=19:890efa464d76492fb16ebead06cd9727@thread.tacv2&ctx=channel).  Please contact [nikki.krocker@gov.yk.ca](mailto:nikki.krocker@gov.yk.ca) if you have trouble accessing. [Read the instructions for logging into Rapid Identity](http://nkrocker.yukonschools.ca/) if you haven’t done it before.

**Join the Curriculum and Assessment Team**

We are looking for an Early Learning Consultant to join our team. The posting was recently amended to include a 12 month eligibility list for those who interview successfully but do not get the job. [Learn more and apply](https://yukon.ca/en/employment/view-all-current-job-postings).

**Aurora Workshops**

Check out this interactive workshop called Turning Setbacks Into Success and explore perspectives on challenges, mistakes and failures. [Register for this workshop](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkcuqhqTkvHtM10w-Ef0MUbjz9bIvAwX4A) to participate on October 21, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

# Other Opportunities for Schools

**Connect2Learning Academy Professional Learning Opportunities**

The C2L Academy is a digital learning space with a full selection of online courses that offers lots of topics to choose from, and they can be accessed at any time – as an online learning community 24/7, during the ten minutes available in a staff or department meeting, for a couple of hours at a Professional Learning Community (PLC) and for a deliberate, year-long plan to mentor and support teachers. See [C2L Academy website for](http://email.d.kajabimail.net/c/eJwdjstuwyAURL_GbKoiuDxsL1i0jSx13Q-ILvg2oSZQAY2Uvy-tNJs5ZzGzOwKvJYsOBAixSi0trGbmkp-2TZv1zdhlM9rMr5MWOz_wC328YUw8U2dXp3FHJUmR8OpTB68WJDKoEWxYpSeW3LX37zaplwm2kdZLJR5KzhQ6JMKaY74McBsylJQGjiW3__ZTGzVGf3vnnVK8U32c4-6e5QJGgbF2ZtWl2JAfRBnzOHkpd_44eEDW3Ufs9PR-mkBJMQvQv3E-Sic) a list of courses and prices.

# Action items for consideration

* Check out the updated attached FAQ for school staff.
* Register for Aurora Workshop “[Turning Setbacks into Success](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkcuqhqTkvHtM10w-Ef0MUbjz9bIvAwX4A)”
* Activate ShareEdBC account
* Explore [Connect2Learning Courses](https://store.connect2learning.com/collections/courses)
* Consider the [job posting](https://yukon.ca/en/employment/view-all-current-job-postings) for an Early Learning Consultant. It has been amended to allow for a longer eligibility period.
* Review the procedure for obtaining an Assistant Outdoor Education Guide (AOEG).
* Activate your access to ShareEDBC within 21 days to access curated curriculum aligned resources.
* For resources and support check out the websites built for you including the; [Educator Update Archive](http://lss.yukonschools.ca/), [Educators’ Place](http://lss.yukonschools.ca/), and [YESNet Portal](https://v2yesnet.wordpress.com/)
* Register students for the November Grade 10 Numeracy and Grade 10 Literacy Assessments

# Some reminders from last time

* See the [Can my child go to school poster](https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information/industry-operating-guidelines-covid-19/can-your-child-go). This also applies for adults.
* See the health and safety guidelines for [sports and recreation](https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information/industry-operating-guidelines-covid-19/sport-and-recreation) and [contact sports](https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information/industry-operating-guidelines-covid-19/contact-sports). Attached are the physical education and school sports guidelines
* Check out the updated list of [Department Authorized Courses](http://tlewis.yukonschools.ca/department-authorized-courses.html) for Grades 10-12.
* Watch for the Kindergarten Boehm and the Early Years Evaluation (EYE) testing materials.
* [View upcoming free webinars](https://www.marzanoresources.com/resources/webinars.html)from MARZANO Resources
* MacBride Museum is taking [bookings](https://macbridemuseum.com/activities/programs/school-programs) for tours and Yukon-themed programs for K-12.
* Do another lesson from the [Primary Unit Plan: Doing My Part; Taking Care of Myself & Others](https://primaryconsultant.yukonschools.ca/uploads/4/5/5/0/45508033/primary_handwashing_unit_yukon_education.pdf)
* [Sign up](https://e690c96b9a2b9ae3b7aa87c8e55d3316.tinyemails.com/d560de9b7dcef9a16ed637654c1d4c95/942826bd595f500899d8d62471057764.html) to receive the weekly Learning Inside Out guides from LSF.
* Involve your grades 1-12 students in a [climate action project](https://www.climate-action.info/).
* On October 7, consider the LDAY offering of [Communication Styles for (Online) Collaboration](https://ldayukon.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e3bec8931e8b8a131b9f451b&id=fba98140c2&e=50ecf6ce4b)

# Quick links to resources on COVID-19 related topics

* [COVID-19 Self-Assessment](https://service.yukon.ca/en/covid-19-self-assessment/)
* [Talking and Sharing with Kids and Families on COVID-19](https://yukon.ca/en/talking-and-sharing-kids-and-families-covid-19)
* [COVID-19 and teenagers: Supporting Youth Mental Wellness](https://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-and-teenagers-supporting-youth-mental-wellness)
* [COVID-19 counselling and crisis support](https://yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19/find-covid-19-counselling-and-crisis-support?fbclid=IwAR2NxiB8cjPNaSXeejpJPeyUtHTgXG7EubDABDTxC50nAt8q_PltD9icA9U)

# For general updates and health information on COVID-19

* [Yukon information on COVID-19](https://yukon.ca/covid-19):  [yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information](https://yukon.ca/en/covid-19-information)
* [Canada response and Health Canada information](file:///C:\Users\sross\Desktop\canada.ca\coronavirus): canada.ca/coronavirus
* [Council of Yukon First Nations](https://cyfn.ca/covid-19/): information and downloadable resources: cyfn.ca/covid-19/