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- **Take the Lead on a Virtual PD Session on October 2**

Do you want to (co) lead a virtual 1-hour session(s) for colleagues on the October 2 PD day? If so then please express your interest to Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca. Thanks to those who already led virtual sessions in the past and provided recordings. Many of these are already incorporated into the day.

- **Learning Recovery Free Webinar Wednesday, September 16 10 AM – 10:40 AM**

As educators figure out how to manage health and safety issues, they also know they must get going on closing the gaps in student learning. This year, you are challenged to rebuild community, engage students, and identify and then help students close any learning gaps. Join Anne Davies, Sandra Herbst, and Brenda Augusta. They will share practical ideas that will work for you and your colleagues, regardless of what lies ahead, including building community through instruction, collecting authentic baseline evidence, and planning for success. [Register for this Preparing to Close the Gaps Webinar](#).

- **myBlueprint**

If you missed the myBlueprint professional learning, you can view the recording and access additional supports on the [Educators' Portal](#). If you have any questions contact Tanya.Lewis@gov.yk.ca.

Reporting and Assessments

- **Communicating Student Learning Resource and Professional Learning Tool**

This is an integrated resource designed to support teachers with professional learning in the areas of assessment, evaluation, and communication of student learning. This resource outlines Yukon's expectations and guidelines for communicating student learning, which all schools follow since August 2019.

This resource is available to download in English and French at lss.yukonschools.ca/

- **Aspen Updates**

- Curricular Competencies for K-12 courses in English and French are being loaded into Aspen to be used within the Standards-Based Gradebook. Office staff will receive instruction on how to add these to courses.

- IEP Report Improvements:

- Defaults to printing usual name. Legal name is an option.
- Gender removed
- Colour added
- Report fields have been reordered to mirror data entry
- Plan review date: only prints if date field is populated
- Removed top title from title bar (Inclusive Education)

- Progress Report for Traditional Gradebook: Cumulative Average

- Previously, the cumulative average was not calculating correctly on the report (fixed)
- User and School settings will affect the calculation of cumulative average in the report

Resources for Educators

- **Agency in the School Approval Committee Updates**

There are six new Agency in the School Approval Committee approvals in place including:

- Promoting STEM in Yukon Schools for Grades K-12 by Yukon Science and Technology Advisory Society (YSTAS)
- Let's Talk Science
 - Quicksand for Grades K-6
 - CD Spectroscopy for Grade 8 Science
 - Static Electricity for Grades 7 & 9 Science
- Operation Life Preserver for Grades K-12 Physical and Health Education by the Canadian Safe Boating Council
- Bringing Skills into the Classroom: Exploring Trades & Technology for Grades 8-12 Career Education by Skills Canada

You can find more details at ss.yukonschools.ca/learning-opportunities.html.

One potential agent is seeking expressions of interest to secure funding from external sources for the [Roots of Empathy](#) program. It is a classroom program that strives to reduce levels of aggression/bullying while raising social/emotional competence in students through the study of early human development. A trained instructor would visit the class to deliver a 45 minute lesson each week, including a once per month visit with a parent and their growing newborn. Inquiry based learning that touches several subject areas can be built upon those visits by the classroom teachers.

If you are interested in this initiative, e-mail nhehd yukon@gmail.com.

- **Orange Shirt Day – September 30: A day to listen, learn, act and celebrate First Nations' culture**

Please check out this [one-pager of resources and ideas](#) including learning more about the day and its connection to reconciliation through education and activities that could be done with students.

- **Career and Life Connections**

Thanks to Tanis Giczi for sharing a sample of how to approach the Capstone in Career and Life Connections. See [the Educators' Portal to view the sample](#).

Other Opportunities for Schools

- **Southern Lakes Caribou Program Pilot (SLCP) Opportunity**

This program has been active in Yukon schools for years and tells the story of the Southern Lakes Caribou herds from once prosperous to devastation to delicate recovery. The recovery of the herd and the story continue to evolve and it became clear that the program needed to be updated to reflect this. The SLCP working group has been collaborating on this program and it is time to pilot it in Yukon schools.

If you are a Grade K, 1, 5 or Biology 11 teacher and are interested, contact: jesse.jewell@gov.yk.ca

Action Items for Consideration

- Check out the attached FAQ for school staff.
- Review field trips and bus use.
- Check out the October 2 PD Day Offering [here](#) after you have logged into [Rapid Identity](#) with your yesnet e-mail and Rapid Identity password.
- Contact Paula.Thompson@gov.yk.ca if you would like to lead a virtual PD session on Oct. 2 or Nov. 20.
- [Register for this Preparing to Close the Gaps Webinar](#).
- If you missed the myBlueprint PD, view the recording and access additional info on the [Educators' Portal](#).
- Download *Communicating Student Learning* in either French or English [here](#).
- Review the Aspen updates.
- Get more details about the [agencies in the schools approvals](#)
- Express your interest in Roots of Empathy to nhehd yukon@gmail.com.
- Plan for [Orange Shirt Day](#). See the [one-pager of resources and ideas](#).
- Check out the [sample](#) of an approach to the Capstone in Career and Life Connections.
- Express your interest in the Southern Lakes Caribou Program Pilot by emailing jesse.jewell@gov.yk.ca
- For resources and support check out the websites built for you including the; [Educator Update Archive](#), [Educators' Place](#), and [YESNet Portal](#)

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