

December 10th, 2014

Ms. Roberta Hagar Ball, Co-chair First Nation Education Commission c/o First Nation of Na-cho N'yan Dun P.O. Box 220 Mayo, Yukon YOB 1MO

Dear Ms. Hagar Ball,

The Business plan for Yukon Education for the 2014-2015 year states, as one of its three main themes, the following goal:

"Yukon Education demonstrates organizational excellence through alignment and accountability".

In the spirit and intent of that specific goal we have been reviewing the committee structure for the Public School's Branch of Yukon Education. The overriding emphasis and focus has been, how do we progress along the continuum of organizational excellence relative to further alignment and accountability?

The first attachment represents a graphic capturing of what committees have and, in many instances, still exist. This visual speaks to the multiplicity and multivariate committees which have come to exist in an attempt to support student achievement and success. Needless to say, the messaging in this visual speaks for itself as to practicality and efficiency, let alone getting a sense of one merely simply being overwhelmed.

To that end you will also find a second attachment which represents our attempt to address the challenges referenced to in the above preamble. We are making steady progress in populating and creating the terms of reference for the various committees indicated at the beginning level of this committee organizational chart for Public Schools Branch. As we populate these various committees and develop the terms of reference with wide-spread stakeholder representation in mind we are also adhering to the guiding principles of: rural , urban, First Nations, Non-First nations, elementary , secondary , parents, school councils, and other key stakeholder groups. The lead members of the Senior Leadership Team for each of these specific committees will, by now, have engaged or will be engaging you with respect to your potential membership on these committees.

We are also presently engaged in the process of populating an advisory council for the Assistant Deputy Minister of Education, Public Schools Branch, as indicated on the top section of the second organizational chart for the various committee structures. With that end in mind we at Public Schools Branch are inviting your organization to appoint one representative from your particular organization to be a member of the Assistant Deputy Minister of Education's Advisory Committee. We are also requesting that

you inform me of who that representative would be by January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 so that we can continue planning for a first meeting early in the New Year.

If you have any questions or concerns in this regard please do not hesitate to contact me at the address indicated above.

Yours in Education,

Albert Trask

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cc. Ms. Valerie Royle, Deputy Minister, Yukon Education Senior Leadership Team, Public Schools Branch, Yukon Education