



Deputy Minister's office (E-1) PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon YIA 2C6

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Dear parents/guardians:

Re: One-time pandemic financial support for families in need

First, thank you to everyone for your conscious efforts to follow the Yukon Chief Medical Officer of Health's recommendations and directives to limit the spread of COVID-19.

While face-to-face classes for Yukon K-12 public schools remain suspended for the rest of this school year, and teachers and school staff are continuing to support students in completing their essential learning and we are turning our attention to plan and prepare for a gradual return to school in August for the 2020-21 school year.

During this time, we recognize that students and families are facing challenges as they adapt to learning from home, that Yukon families are facing different challenges during this pandemic, and that some families may need support while face-to-face classes remain suspended.

The Government of Yukon has announced some financial assistance to support Yukon families impacted by COVID-19 who have children and youth in Kindergarten to Grade 12.

The Government of Yukon is offering a one-time contribution of \$250 per student to families with children in Kindergarten to Grade 12 who have been impacted by COVID-19. This funding will help offset some of the financial costs related to the impacts of the pandemic for Yukon families in need, to help support them with their children learning from home during this time.

We are offering this funding directly to families, as you are in the best position to determine your needs and supports as your children continue learning from home during this period.

The primary caregiver in your family is eligible for this one-time payment if:

- you indicate the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted your family;
- your family has children or youth enrolled in Kindergarten to Grade 12 at a Yukon public school; and
- your family is not already receiving funding support for home education or BC distance learning for your children or youth.

The primary caregiver for a family should apply for the funding through Sport Yukon, who will issue the funding on behalf of the Department of Education. To apply for this funding please:

- Visit the Sport Yukon website at <u>sportyukon.com/events-page/news</u> to access the online application form or download a PDF application form; and
- Submit the completed application form:
 - Through the online form;
 - By email at <u>results@sportyukon.com;</u>
 - By fax at (867) 667-4237; or
 - By mail in or drop off at the Sport Yukon Office: 4061-4th Avenue, Whitehorse, YT Y1A 1H1

You are encouraged to apply before the end of the 2019-20 school year. If you need help applying, you can contact Sport Yukon at:

- 867-668-4236; or
- <u>info@sportyukon.com</u>

You can also learn more by visiting <u>yukon.ca/en/your-government/find-out-what-government-</u> <u>doing/information-public-school-students-and-families</u>.

We will continue to listen to the needs of Yukoners, including students and their families, and find ways to use our existing resources to help them during this challenging time.

Sincerely,

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Nicole Morgan Deputy Minister of Education