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YUKON AND CYFN ANNOUNCE BEGINNING OF EDUCATION REFORM PROCESS

WHITEHORSE – The Yukon government and the Council of Yukon First Nations (CYFN) announced the launch of the Education Reform Process today.

“The Government of Yukon is committed to working with First Nations to improve success rates for aboriginal students and indeed for all students,” Education Minister John Edzerza said.

“Involving First Nations directly in this process is an important part of making positive changes to our education system and improving our partnership relations.”

“A reform of the Yukon education system has been long overdue and the Council of Yukon First Nations is very pleased to participate in this reform process as full and equal partners,” the CYFN chair of the Yukon Chiefs Committee on Education, Joe Linklater said. “This process will not stop or defer any bi-lateral or negotiation arrangements. We anticipate participation from all stakeholders in Yukon’s education system.”

During this estimated two-year education reform process, the Government of Yukon and CYFN will focus on improving learning opportunities by recommending changes to the education system. This process will not be limited to a review of the Education Act.

“The Education Reform process will build on input already gathered through the Education Act review and other processes in order to develop concrete recommendations for changes to the education system,” Edzerza said. “Changes could be program-based, administrative and/or legislative.”

The Government of Yukon and CYFN believe the Education Reform Process will result in a high-quality education system for all Yukoners.

A website is currently under development to detail more information about the consultation process and other public information materials.

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