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Dear Premier:

Thank you for the opportunity to report back on how my departments will advance our new government's mandate.

Our mandate prioritizes reliable and affordable energy, improved access to frontline and primary health care, putting students at the centre of our education system, increasing housing availability and affordability, strengthening public safety, and enabling private-sector-led economic growth.

Responsibility for my departments will require decisions that balance our inherited financial pressures with our commitment to provide strong public services to Yukoners. It will require joint action with other departments to advance their priorities. Working in partnership with Yukon First Nations, municipalities and other partners will also be central to achieving my mandate and delivering on our collective promise to Yukoners.

To balance this work, I will take a principled approach to decision-making and priority setting that considers:

- protecting frontline services that help Yukoners and keep our communities safe and healthy;
- respect for taxpayers and making sure there is value for money in government spending;
- partnership, collaboration, and respect; and
- responsible, disciplined decision-making that achieves continuous improvement for Yukoners.

These principles will ensure that fiscal responsibility is paired with a clear commitment to supporting the long-term wellbeing of Yukoners.

As the Minister of Education, I have directed my department to prioritize:

- reviewing the Department of Education;
- improving inclusive education and therapeutic supports for students;
- implementing a personal device use in schools policy;
- implementing the Joint Education Action Plan;
- developing a long-term plan for education and early learning infrastructure; and
- aligning the education system with the needs of the economy through skilled trades training.

As the Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation, I have directed my department to prioritize:

- increasing access to affordable private sector and rent-geared-to-income housing;
- increasing employee housing options;
- increasing housing for seniors and improving access to support services;
- improving homeownership and rental market opportunities;
- advancing housing supply and improving affordability; and
- improving the Housing Initiatives Fund program.

Together, these priorities will help to advance our government's overarching mandate to put the needs of students at the centre of our education system, improve access to health care services and creating the conditions to allow the private sector to grow and lead economic growth.

I look forward to working collaboratively with my Cabinet colleagues to reduce red tape, remove unnecessary regulations, and to break down organizational silos through the Department of Economic Development's Red Tape Reduction Framework.

By working together, we can ensure our resources and taxpayer dollars are going where they are needed most: to support Yukoners.

Sincerely yours,



Scott Kent
Minister of Education
Minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation

Mandate Implementation Plan

Department: Department of Education

Approved by: Minister Scott Kent

Date: February 27, 2026

Overview

- The Department of Education will advance the government's mandate by centering the needs of students throughout their education journey from early learning and child care, to kindergarten to Grade 12 education, through to post-secondary education.

Top priorities

- **Review the Department of Education:** an independent review of the department, with a focus on how the department supports students, educators and families will be undertaken. This review will also build on numerous targeted reviews of the department in recent years.
- **Improve inclusive education and therapeutic supports for students:** the department will undertake a coordinated review to improve how inclusive education and therapeutic supports are designed, delivered and accessed across the education system. This will be done in collaboration with the Department of Health and Social Services to focus on simplifying pathways, reducing administrative barriers, strengthening mental health and wellbeing supports, and improving coordination with Yukon First Nations to better meet the needs of students, educators and families.
- **Implement a personal device use in schools policy:** the department will introduce an education-wide personal device usage policy, limiting students' access to personal devices while at school, except in circumstances such as uses for monitoring health. This will help minimize distractions and the damaging effects of social media.
- **Implement the Joint Education Action Plan:** the department will work with Yukon First Nations to implement the Joint Education Action Plan which aims to improve educational outcomes for all Yukon First Nations learners, supported by better access to culturally relevant education.
- **Develop a long-term plan for education and early learning infrastructure:** the department will develop a plan that includes all Yukon communities and reflects changing population. This will involve selecting a site and replacing École Whitehorse Elementary School, addressing the need for additional high school spaces in Whitehorse, opening Kêts'ádań Kù in Burwash Landing, and updating how the department guides, ranks and maintains schools across the Yukon. In partnership with Canada, the department will also support non-profits, family day homes, Indigenous organizations and First Nations governments to create new early learning and child care spaces in underserved communities and increase accessibility of existing licensed spaces.

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- **Align the education system with the needs of the economy:** the department will work with partners to build sustainable trades options for secondary students, pilot a high school level trade focused STEP pilot program and support Yukon University with programs and training that respond to local economic needs and to reduce financial barriers for Yukoners to access upgrading programs. The department will also develop and implement a teacher recruitment and retention strategy for educators to help recruit staff that are aligned with the Government of Yukon's values and priorities.

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Overview

- To advance the government's mandate, Yukon Housing is focused on increasing housing supply, improving affordability, reducing barriers to new housing development, and streamlining processes that affect housing delivery.

Top priorities

- **Increase access to affordable private sector and rent-geared-to-income housing:** Yukon Housing will expand its stock of affordable housing while supporting partners and clients through loans, grants, lease agreements and rent supplements to increase housing supply and access. This will be achieved by implementing the Corporation's Five-Year-Capital Plan, securing new partnership agreements, and by updating internal policies to streamline program delivery.
- **Increase employee housing options:** Yukon Housing will expand employee housing options through the implementation of its Five-Year Capital Plan and the Staff Housing Plan Framework. This will include exploring and establishing partnerships and working with the Public Service Commission.
- **Increase housing for seniors and improve access to support services:** Yukon Housing will increase access to affordable options for seniors by advancing new housing supply, extending and enhancing seniors' tenancies, working in partnership with non-profit housing providers and funders, and reviewing policies that may create barriers to access.
- **Improve homeownership and rental market opportunities:** Yukon Housing will review and explore revisions to its homeownership loans and grants programs, particularly the Yukoner First Home Program. To increase rental opportunities and promote financial sustainability, the Corporation will explore the introduction of a mixed-income development featuring affordable rent-geared-to-income housing for lower-income tenants as well as affordable rental units for middle-income earners.
- **Advance housing supply and improve affordability:** Yukon Housing will seek to capitalize on the federal government's new Build Canada Homes opportunity to support the expansion, preservation and repair of its community housing stock and the continuation of the Canada-Yukon Housing Rental Benefit Program.
- **Improve the Housing Initiatives Fund program:** Yukon Housing will work with the Departments of Energy, Mines and Resources and Community Services to expand the Housing Initiatives Fund by offering land contributions to suitable projects.