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By email: Tracy.McPhee@gov.yk.ca

Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee
Minister of Education
Yukon Legislative Assembly
Box 2703,
Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C6

Dear Minister McPhee,

Re: Request to convene Standing Committee on the Review of Inclusive Education

Thank you for responding to my letter of February 7, 2020.

You state the Government considers Yukon Educators and Yukon Teachers' Association (YTA) are to have a role in "*The next phase of this review...*". Government has intentionally delayed including the voice of Yukon Educators when determining the participants, scope, nature, mandate, terms of reference and process of the Inclusive Education Review.

YTA is challenging the Government's decision to purposefully exclude their voice and expertise from the outset of the Review. Teachers, Administrators and Education Assistants work in classrooms everyday and are expected to deliver the Government's promise of inclusive education. The wealth of graduate level expertise and vast experience of YTA members can only enhance and improve any Inclusive Education Review in Yukon.

I firmly believe that all key stakeholders must have a seat at the table from the outset of the Review. YTA is calling for the Government to establish a publicly accountable Steering Committee, comprised of the key partners and stakeholders in education in Yukon, with a mandate to define the scope, nature, terms of reference and process of the Inclusive Education Review.

The establishment of a Steering Committee will ensure the critical, practical knowledge of key partners and stakeholders guide the Review, as compared to the "behind closed door" approach adopted in the current Review.

YTA challenges the Government to make efforts to build and nurture true educational partnerships and undertake a publicly accountable Review rather than hand pick and hire an in-house "independent" contractor to do its bidding.

I look forward to your timely response.



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I respectfully acknowledge that I work within the traditional territory of the people of Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council.

C'est avec reconnaissance et respect que nous tenons à souligner que nous vivons et travaillons sur le territoire traditionnel de la Première nation des Kwanlin Dün et du Conseil des Ta'an Kwäch'än.

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