



August 25, 2023

Dear Yellowknife and Area Schools Families;

We hope this communication finds you safe and settled in whatever location you find yourself during the continuation of the evacuation.

We continue to strive to share the most current and up-to-date information possible. Please note that due to the changing situation, we recommend checking media channels, websites, emails, and the social media of your Education Body for current information.

As of this date, we can state clearly that schools will not be open for student attendance on August 28, 2023. We also know they will not be opening on September 5, 2023.

We understand that once the Evacuation Order is lifted, there will be a staged return to Yellowknife. We know that the process of returning will require some time and planning. This includes inspecting our facilities, providing time for our staff to return to Yellowknife, and ensuring they have time to prepare for the return of students.

The date of when this reentry process will begin is still unknown. However, we will provide more information once it has been announced.

The GNWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment will be releasing a Q&A on [social media](#) and the [GNWT Public Safety page](#) early next week, which we hope will provide some additional insight into the ongoing discussions and considerations for moving forward.

Please know that we will have our schools up and running as soon as it is safe.

Respectfully,

The Yellowknife and Area Schools