



September 2, 2023

Dear Yellowknife and Area Staff, Parents and Community,

We join you in being pleased with the good news from Friday, September 1, sharing that we can safely begin the return to Yellowknife effective at noon, September 6, 2023. Based on the information we have today, and assuming there will be no negative impacts to this information through the weekend, our Yellowknife and Area districts will follow the plan outlined below.

- **September 11** - Staff will report to work and begin preparing and setting up schools to be ready for students.
- **September 12 & 13** - High schools will open for registration and distribution of timetables
- **September 14** - Our doors will open to welcome students back to school.
- Begin to determine how best to support our students and staff from any potential impacts of the evacuation and being away from their homes as soon as possible.

We know this has been a trying and challenging time for everyone, and we look forward to returning to some normalcy as soon as possible.

We understand that schools are a huge part of the foundation of that structure. After considerable discussion and meetings with Education, Culture, and Employment, as well as with the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association, the Yellowknife and Area schools have determined these dates to be the best possible plan to have our systems up and running and providing critical support to all of you.

We thank you for your patience and understanding and ask you to continue to follow the ongoing updates and news from the EMO, the City of Yellowknife, and the GNWT.

Our collective best wishes to all of you for a safe and secure return to the City.

Yellowknife and Area Schools