YK1 Board Meeting Update: March 24, 2020

Yellowknife Education District No. 1

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Approved Meeting Motions

• 03-6136-20: School Closures Due to COVID-19



The following motion was passed during a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020:

Whereas the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic is, and has been, an evolving concern for public health and safety and which has directly impacted JK-12 education program delivery, I move that Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1), with regard to the COVID-19 crisis, confirms the closure of schools for the remainder of the 19-20 school year.

YK1 will follow future recommendations of the NWT Chief Public Health Officer as they may be issued, and will work in coordination with the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (ECE) to ensure essential services are provided and to provide whatever assistance may be necessary to support the broader effort to prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. YK1 authorizes the Superintendent to implement this direction.

COVID-19 is a global pandemic that's affecting almost 200 countries. At this point in time, YK1, ECE and the Northwest Territories Teachers' Association focus is contingency planning, staff wellness and protecting families in our community. We will eventually pivot to lesson planning and what's expected of teachers while schools are closed but we're not there yet. We expect to learn more later this week and will share information with parents and stakeholders at that time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29, 2020 End of March Break YK1 Staff and Students

April 10, 2020 Good Friday

April 13, 2020 Easter Monday

April 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting District Office, 7:00 p.m.

May 12, 2020 Regular Board Meeting District Office, 7:00 p.m.

May 18, 2020 Victoria Day

The next YK1 Regular Board Meeting will be April 14, 2020