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Yukon delegation heading to International Summit on the Teaching Profession

WHITEHORSE—A delegation of 14 teachers, students and administrators representing the Department of Education and the Yukon Teachers' Association are heading to Banff, Alberta, this month to participate in the fifth annual International Summit on the Teaching Profession (ISTP).

Minister of Education Doug Graham will also be travelling to the summit, which brings together education ministers, teachers' unions and associations from around the world. Discussions at the summit will focus on education policy and practice and the teaching profession.

"Success for each student depends on strong leadership at all levels in the education system and on innovation in the teaching profession and in the classroom," Graham said. "This summit gives Yukon delegates the opportunity to discuss teaching excellence and ways to enhance student success with our national and international counterparts."

Countries participating in the summit have high-performing and rapidly improving education systems, as measured by the OECD's Programme for International Student Assessment. This is the first time the summit will be held in Canada.

The summit theme is Implementing Highly Effective Teacher Policy and Practice. Sessions will focus on developing and promoting effective leadership, strengthening teachers' sense of "self-efficacy" and encouraging innovation in the 21st-century classroom.

"I'm looking forward to sharing ideas of best teaching practices with teachers across Canada and the world," said Robin Fairburn, a Grade 4 teacher at Golden Horn Elementary School. "I am most interested in innovation and technology and how schools and teachers are meeting our very technology-savvy students in an innovative manner for best learning outcomes."

Canadian delegates will meet to discuss issues in Canadian education, including the needs of Aboriginal students, equity for all learners, continuous improvement in teaching and learning, and the impact of innovation on learning.

Learn more: International Summit on the Teaching Profession

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