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Funding for innovative projects to help students learn

WHITEHORSE – Seventeen Yukon projects will be receiving funds toward innovative projects aimed at supporting student success, Education Minister Patrick Rouble announced today.

"I am pleased that a total of \$75,000 has been awarded for distribution among Yukon schools through the Leaders in Education/Innovation Fund," Education Minister Patrick Rouble said. "This funding supports innovation in our schools, and ultimately prepares Yukon students for Yukon opportunities."

The School Growth Planning Advisory Committee reviewed and selected projects based on criteria including level of need, number of students affected, cost, feasibility and future cost and programming implications.

Approved proposals relate directly to School Growth Plans, which schools prepare in collaboration with school councils, First Nations and other partners. Successful applicants include projects focused on improving literacy, numeracy, social responsibility, cultural inclusion, staff skill building, and the purchase of high-tech equipment to help improve the success of specific groups of students.

"These projects are tailored to the specific needs of Yukon students, as they are generated and developed by Yukon educators," Rouble added. "This funding program allows us to hear and implement opportunities for innovation in our local schools."

"The committee was gratified that in such a short time, we received so many projects focused on improving education for students," School Growth Planning Advisory Committee spokesperson Judith Arnold said. "There will be another opportunity for schools to apply for funding in May."

Annual funding of \$75,000 through The Leaders in Education/Innovation Fund will be made available to Yukon school councils and teachers.

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