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## **Amendments to the Education Act sought**

WHITEHORSE—Minister of Education Doug Graham has introduced amendments to the *Education Act* to clarify the role and responsibilities of the Education Appeal Tribunal.

"As Minister of Education, it is my responsibility to ensure relevant legislation is clear and uncomplicated in its language," Minister Graham said. "Defining the authority of the Education Appeal Tribunal will provide greater understanding, transparency and certainty to parents and to the Tribunal concerning its powers under the *Education Act*."

The amendments will ensure the Tribunal operates within its intended scope under the *Education Act*. Under section 161 of the *Education Act*, the Education Appeal Tribunal may hear appeals relating to four areas:

- students with special needs;
- student records;
- student suspension decisions;
- or ministerial rejection of a proposal for a locally developed course of study.

The amendments do not remove any powers that the *Education Act* grants to the Education Appeal Tribunal; they clarify those powers through a more detailed definition.

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