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Yukon government considers public input on Students Financial Assistance Act

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is reviewing public input on the *Students Financial Assistance Act* as it considers updates to the legislation that will increase supports for students.

"The Department of Education remains committed to promoting lifelong learning and success for each learner," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "As part of that commitment, we are reviewing the Students Financial Assistance Act to help ensure fairness, flexibility and a level playing field for all Yukon students seeking financial assistance to pursue their post-secondary studies."

Yukon First Nations, students, parents, educational institutions, other student financial assistance providers, and community members at large were invited to share their perspectives on financial assistance for students, specifically:

- the eligibility of Yukon students who receive both territorial and federal financial assistance;
- the eligibility of students who achieve high school equivalency in Yukon;
- the differences in funding between students attending post-secondary education outside and inside the territory; and
- a review of the criteria for determining continuous residency.

Feedback received in face-to-face meetings and in an online survey has been summarized in a What We Heard report.

"I'd like to express appreciation to all those who responded to questions in the Students Financial Assistance Act consultation," Graham added. "Your perspectives provide valuable input that will help guide us in our review."

Yukon First Nations and other groups who participated in the consultations have been invited to review the What We Heard report and provide additional input as the Department of Education drafts its recommendations.

In 2014/15, the Yukon Grant provided more than \$3.4 million to support 726 Yukon students pursuing post-secondary studies.

Learn more:

What We Heard: *Students Financial Assistance Act*

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