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Government of Yukon and Kluane First Nation sign new education agreement

WHITEHORSE—Minister of Education Doug Graham and Kluane First Nation Chief Mathieya Alatini signed a new five-year education agreement today in Whitehorse.

"We have worked closely with Kluane First Nation to develop this education agreement to support the success of our students," Graham said. "We look forward to working together with Kluane First Nation on the design, delivery and administration of education programs and services on its Traditional Territory to meet the needs of learners in this community."

The new education agreement outlines joint communication and participation regarding curriculum development, school programming and staffing on Kluane First Nation Traditional Territory. Priorities identified in the agreement include: education programs that meet the unique needs of Kluane First Nation students, secondary school programming, language programming, student attendance, staffing, special education services and cultural awareness training for staff.

"I would like to acknowledge the efforts of so many citizens who have made education a priority and have relentlessly persevered to have us reach this agreement. This is a milestone for Kluane First Nation," Alatini said. "Since 1917, the community has been petitioning for a school here in Burwash Landing. This agreement is the first step toward a partnership with the Yukon government to make primary and secondary education more available, localized and culturally relevant to Kluane First Nation Citizens."

The agreement includes the development of a three-year action plan based on these priorities. Annual reviews of Kluane First Nation students' progress will be conducted by the Department of Education, Kluane First Nation and the school council.

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