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Yukon government invites public input on Students Financial Assistance Act

WHITEHORSE—Yukoners will be consulted on the *Students Financial Assistance Act* as the Yukon government reviews and considers updates to the legislation.

"The Yukon government's goal is to promote lifelong learning and success for each learner. One of the ways we support learners is through the Yukon Grant for students pursuing post-secondary education," Minister of Education Doug Graham said. "We are reviewing the eligibility criteria for the Yukon Grant and examining how the *Students Financial Assistance Act* can best serve Yukon students."

The Department of Education wants to ensure fairness and flexibility in awarding Yukon's financial assistance resources to post-secondary students. All interested stakeholders are invited to share their perspectives on the following issues:

- The Yukon Grant eligibility of Yukon students who also receive financial assistance from the Government of Canada.
- The eligibility of students who achieve high school equivalency in Yukon.
- The differences in available funding between students attending post-secondary education outside and inside the territory.
- A review of student categories.
- The criteria for determining continuous residency.

Feedback will inform decision making on eligibility rules, grant amounts, and effective program administration so that the act can best serve Yukon students in a fiscally responsible manner.

First Nations and stakeholder groups are being invited to consult. In the coming months, Yukoners will be able to contribute through an online survey or at a scheduled open house.

In 2013/14, the Yukon Grant provided more than \$3.6 million to support 761 Yukon students pursuing post-secondary studies.

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