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F.H. Collins proceeds with new design concept

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon will move forward with a new campus-style design concept for the replacement F.H. Collins Secondary School, Premier and Finance Minister Darrell Pasloski announced today.

"Estimates received for the construction of the tendered design of F.H. Collins represent a financial commitment significantly above what was anticipated and beyond what Yukoners expect," Pasloski said. "The government is committed to the principle of fiscal responsibility and it is for that reason that we will not be proceeding with the tendered design concept."

Bids in the tendering process for the previous design of F.H. Collins came in 21 per cent above the government's pre-tender estimate. The approved construction budget, as detailed by two separate independent estimators, was \$38.6 million. The lowest bid in the recent tendering process was \$47.78 million.

"As we proceed with the development of the new school, the government will use a design concept that has already been constructed successfully and economically in other jurisdictions," Education Minister Scott Kent said. "We look forward to incorporating elements from the extensive F.H. Collins replacement consultation process and will explore further beneficial options."

"We anticipate work on the project will proceed in a timely manner that allows students to continue their studies in the current facility without interruption while construction of a new building begins," Kent added.

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