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### Yukon Recognized with Reading Recovery Award

WHITEHORSE – Yukon Department of Education has received an award for outstanding support for Reading Recovery, Education Minister Patrick Rouble announced today.

"The Yukon Department of Education is committed to improving literacy skills for Yukoners," Rouble said. "We are pleased to be recognized for our implementation of the Reading Recovery program to help first- and second-grade students who need support with their reading skills."

Reading recovery is offered in most Yukon schools. The goal is to identify students in Grade 1 who may have reading difficulties and help them achieve average literacy within approximately 12 to 20 weeks of daily one-on-one instruction.

"Yukon is a flagship for the rest of Canada, demonstrating what can be achieved when all children who need this form of intervention have access to it," Canadian Institute of Reading Recovery president Dianne Stuart said. "Most of the Reading Recovery children get back to the average of the class and can learn from classroom instruction, and a smaller group of children are identified early as needing longer-term one-to-one support."

This year, approximately 200 students will participate in Reading Recovery in 19 Yukon schools. Training for the 25 Reading Recovery teachers is facilitated by two teacher leaders. Together with the efforts of classroom teachers, Reading Recovery is having a positive impact on Yukon literacy, as well as acting as a model for other jurisdictions.

"Because Yukon has full implementation, all children who need Reading Recovery have access to it and children needing additional support get the appropriate help early," Stuart added.

"I would like to commend Jeanette McCrie, the Coordinator of Primary Programs for her leadership," Rouble said. "I would also like to commend our Reading Recovery teachers and teacher leaders for their work to improve the success of Yukon students. This award highlights the Department of Education's work to support literacy, which is a fundamental building block of education."

The award was presented on October 22 at the Canadian Institute of Reading Recovery conference in Toronto.

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