



**Education (E-7)**  
**PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6**

March 10, 2021

Dear parents/guardians of Grade 10-12 students at FH Collins Secondary, Porter Creek Secondary, and Vanier Catholic Secondary,

**RE: Updates on learning for Grades 10-12 students in Whitehorse**

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Today, Yukon's Premier and Chief Medical Officer of Health confirmed that Yukon will be in a position to welcome students in Grades 10-12 at F.H. Collins, Porter Creek and Vanier Catholic secondary schools back to full school days next month. We will be working with principals and school councils to determine the exact date when full-day classes for Grade 10-12 students will start.

From the outset of the pandemic, our goal has been to ensure as many students can be safely learning in class as possible. We are fortunate in Yukon that the impacts of the pandemic have been low. The vaccine has been steadily rolling out to the general public and on March 5, 2021, the Government of Yukon released [A Path Forward: Next Steps – Yukon's plan for lifting COVID-19 restrictions](#). This updated plan outlines how we will ease public health restrictions in Yukon and includes moving toward returning students in Grades 10-12 in these schools back to full day in-class instruction.

To support this effort, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health is updating K-12 health and safety guidelines for school operations for the three Whitehorse secondary schools with students currently on half-day classes to ensure students and staff remain safe at school. We are initiating planning work with school administrators at these three schools to determine how school operational plans will be adjusted. We will continue to share information with you as it becomes available, including sharing the updated health and safety guidelines when they are received to support our planning work.

We recognize we don't have the answer to every question at this stage. We know that as parents/guardians you are concerned about the impacts of the pandemic on student learning. This is a positive next step in our pandemic recovery and supporting students to be successful in their learning despite the impacts of COVID-19.

Further updates and information will come to parents/guardians directly from the school.

**For more information:**

- Visit [yukon.ca/education-and-school-supports-covid-19](https://yukon.ca/education-and-school-supports-covid-19) for information on health and safety, school operations and learning during COVID-19.

- If you have a question, please contact your school administrator.

We hope that all students and parents/guardians have an enjoyable March break.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Sikkes', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ryan Sikkes  
ADM of Schools and Student Services