

Concerning the rebuild of JHS, the role of the PAC is to:

- inform you about the process, and
- encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions with staff at YK1 (yk1@yk1.nt.ca).

What do we know about the JHS rebuild?

- GNWT Department of Education, Culture and Employment and the Department of Infrastructure have determined that the school will be rebuilt on the current site which will require students to be relocated. The YK1 Board voted in favour of this decision.
- Construction will begin Aug 2020 and is anticipated to be completed by Aug 2022.
- Students will be relocated in Sept 2020 and will return to the new school in Sept 2022.
- An accommodation plan has been proposed for JHS students to be relocated to William McDonald School.
- Public meetings with teachers will be held in February and meetings with parents at each school will be held in April but dates haven't been announced yet. The accommodation plan could change as a result of these public meetings and must be decided by June 2019.
- The current budget is \$28 million for the school rebuild AND any costs for relocation. The school will be built for 400 students (4 extra classrooms) and will have a larger gym.
- [Click here](#) to read more questions and answers.

What are some highlights of the public meeting on Thursday Jan 10, 2019?

- [Click here](#) for the presentation made by Kevin McLeod, Assistant Deputy Minister of Department of Infrastructure.
- [Click here](#) for the presentation made by Metro Huculak, YK1 Superintendent on the draft student accommodation plan.
- [Click here](#) for the complete draft relocation plan for students (currently has all JHS students moving to William Mac). This could change as a result of public meetings planned for February with parents and teachers. NB: Other schools are quite unhappy with this plan.
- [Click here](#) for geotechnical report that ultimately led to the decision to build the school onsite.

-16 classrooms are needed to move all JHS students.

-Many parents expressed concern over losing the YK1 middle school of grade 6-8 (the current structure of William Mac) and its programming fearing that it will be difficult/costly to put it back together again.

-YK1 and ECE plan to hire an independent accommodations specialist to manage the relocation process, communications and to find new and positive opportunities for YK1 students during this time.

-There is a request to include parents on a committee to help inform the planning process.

-Future capital projects: William Mac will be getting a new roof in summer 2019 and NJ Macpherson needs to be rebuilt within the next 4 years (it is sinking).

-[Click here](#) to read questions and answers that came up at the meeting.

Where can I get information?

-Read the [ECE Website](#) for all updates and documents and the [YK1 website](#) for their updates and documents (click on JHS Renewal Planning Study or Documents).

What can you do as a parent/guardian?

- Attend the public meetings being held at all schools in April (not just the one held at JHS). Consider attending the meeting for the school your child(ren) will attend in 2 years (2020).

- It's important to write an email or letter to Metro Huculak to express your concern or support for the draft accommodation plan at yk1@yk1.nt.ca. Your voice is incredibly important and the PAC can not represent everyone's reality. The proposed plan, currently keeping our students united in one school, could change.

-Read carefully the [proposed relocation plan](#) to understand how all schools will be affected.

-[Send a message to your MLA](#) asking the government to fund much needed portables for the relocation plan - 8 portables were requested by YK1 and only 2 have been approved (cost is \$500,000/portable).

-Assist YK1 in initiating a partnership with the City of Yellowknife for the JHS rebuild. Contact metro.huculak@yk1.nt.ca our superintendent of YK1 if you have some ideas.