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February 20, 2020

To all parents of École J.H. Sissons and École William McDonald Middle School students:

**Re: 2019-2020 calendar amendment to change the last student day to June 19, 2020**

On February 11, the Board of Trustees of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) voted to amend the 2019-2020 school calendars for École J.H. Sissons and École William McDonald Middle School to change the last student day from June 24 to June 19, 2020. YK1 shared a survey with parents in late November to gather public feedback on this proposed change, which called for students to be dismissed two school days earlier than originally scheduled so that staff could pack their resources and move them out of École J.H. Sissons ahead of demolition – which is slated for this summer. 70% of respondents agreed to make this change to provide teachers with more flexibility during what will be a period of heavy transition.

In order to get the school ready for demolition, all resources must be packed and moved out of the building, taken to École William McDonald Middle School and unpacked. While this calendar change will help free up teachers towards the end of the year, we also understand that it may inconvenience École J.H. Sissons School parents who need quality childcare on June 23 and June 24, 2020 (June 22, 2020 is a stat holiday for National Indigenous People's Day) . YK1 is committed to providing childcare for families who need it on those dates, and will communicate those arrangements to parents of École J.H. Sissons School students as soon as possible. To help us prepare for these two days, please email Mike Gibbins at [mike.gibbins@yk1.nt.ca](mailto:mike.gibbins@yk1.nt.ca) if this is a service your family will require. Thanks in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Metro Huculak".

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