

LEGISLATIVE RETURN

SUBMITTED BY: Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Education



1. On November 9, 2017, the Member for Copperbelt South

asked the following question during the Oral Question Period at page(s)\_of Hansard

submitted the following written question – WQ No. \_\_\_\_\_

gave notice of the following motion for the production of papers – MPP No. \_\_\_\_\_

RE: School replacement

Can the minister tell us when it (the school revitalization plan) is expected to be ready? Also, which schools are on the list? Most importantly, will any of the schools be closed as a result of this plan?

A further quote from the minister’s annual report is that “...the goal will be to upgrade or replace one school building approximately every three years”. Can the minister confirm that this is still the commitment and if so, how long the entire plan will take to implement?

OR

2. This legislative return relates to a matter outstanding from discussion related to:

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at page(s) \_\_\_\_\_ of Hansard.

The response is as follows:

As indicated in the department’s 2016 Annual Report, the Departments of Education and Highways and Public Works are responsible for the planning, monitoring, and maintenance of Yukon school buildings. The Department of Education’s 2016 Annual Report contains several examples of the recent work that has been completed to maintain and improve school buildings, and this work is ongoing.

The Annual Report also indicates that a number of older school buildings will need to be replaced or renovated in the coming years, and that the government is working on a long term plan to spread the cost of school upgrades and replacements over a reasonable period of time. Schools that are currently being considered for renovation or replacement include Whitehorse Elementary School, Kluane Lake School, Selkirk Elementary School, Takhini Elementary School, Wood Street Centre, St. Elias Community School, and Christ the King Elementary School.

This planning has culminated in the identification of several schools as a priority for renovation and/or construction over the period 2018 to 2024. A number of these projects are being considered as part of the Department of Education’s 2018/2019 Five Year Capital Plan, which has not yet been approved. It is expected that the Five Year Capital Plan will be approved in the Spring of 2018.

With a proper planning process that includes functional plans and business cases, the government will continue to make informed decisions on how to best revitalize and replace our schools.

November 14 2017  
Date

Signature