



Every Student,
Every Day

VICTORIA GOLD YUKON STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT SOCIETY

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Every Student, Every Day fund commits \$300,000 to fund student attendance projects in 2022

This is a joint release with Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society.

Applications now open for the 2022–23 school year.

Every Student, Every Day, an initiative of the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society ("Society") is pleased to announce \$300,000 in funding will be available for student attendance improvement projects in the 2022–23 school year. These funds will support Yukon educators, schools, community organizations and First Nations throughout the territory develop and implement grassroots projects to help improve attendance in Yukon classrooms.

Since its establishment in 2012, the Society with support from the Government of Yukon and community partners has directly supported more than 140 local projects with over \$1.2 million raised primarily from Yukon businesses and individual donations. The Society has increased its funding to \$250,000 and the Government of Yukon has increased its contribution to \$50,000. This funding commitment is the largest ever in anticipation of greater need and demand to help address student attendance challenges.

The application process for project implementation during the 2022–23 school year is now open. Projects to help address student attendance in the territory may be submitted by educators, school administrators, school councils, Yukon First Nations and community groups. The submission deadline is Friday, March 4, 2022.

The application form is now available on Every Student, Every Day's website at www.everystudenteveryday.ca and is also distributed by the Department of Education to all Yukon school principals. A volunteer selection committee made up of the Society, departmental and school board representatives will evaluate and select the successful proposals this spring.

Quotes

The Government of Yukon is proud to partner with the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society to support the Every Student, Every Day initiative. Working with our partners on increasing student attendance and engagement is part of our priorities as it is an important factor in student success. We are happy to be able to increase our funding considerably this year for *the Every Student, Every Day* projects that work directly to support students and encourage them to feel a sense of belonging for their school community, and embrace learning. We hope that the funds this year will help

develop initiatives that will offer all our students across the Yukon the support they need and motivate them to attend school and engage in their learning.

– **Minister of Education Jeanie McLean**

We know that the COVID-19 pandemic has put further strain on regular school attendance across the Yukon, impacting the overall well-being of our school communities. We want to acknowledge the challenges students are facing and support them to stay engaged in their learning and attend school each and every day. We also want to recognize our educators who are working tirelessly to create an environment where students can learn.

– **Victoria Gold Yukon Encouragement Society President Tara Christie**

Quick facts

- *Every Student, Every Day* is an initiative of Victoria Gold Corp's registered, not-for-profit charity.
- With this year's contribution *Every Student, Every Day* will have raised and distributed \$1.5 million to directly support grassroots projects to improve student attendance in the Yukon, over the last ten years.

Related information

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