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**Yellowknife Education District No. 1**

**Yellowknife, Northwest Territories** – Air monitoring results indicate that there are no airborne asbestos fibres in any public areas of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) schools. The tests were conducted by Associated Environmental Consultants Inc. (AEC) at all schools, the district office and maintenance shop over a span of three days last week.

“Based on the recorded airborne fiber concentrations, there is no risk of exposure to students and teaching staff as no asbestos fibers were identified in public utilized spaces,” said AEC.

YK1 engaged AEC after asbestos-containing materials were identified in some areas of our schools. Of the 29 samples forwarded for further analysis, two were found to have Chrysotile asbestos detected on the filter media, though both were collected from mechanical rooms and concentrations were below the WSCC Occupational Exposure Limit of 0.1 fibers/cc for airborne asbestos fiber.

“Airborne fiber concentrations recorded in the noted mechanical spaces also pose no risk of exposure as they were below the published Occupational Exposure Limit of 0.1 fibers/cc for airborne asbestos fiber,” added AEC.

As noted previously, there will be no disruptions to student activities or class time while any abatement work is completed in these areas. YK1 will continue to work closely with AEC, the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission and the territorial government to ensure students and staff are well taken care of and supported in safe school environments.

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