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Yellowknife Education District No. 1

Yellowknife, Northwest Territories –Yellowknife Education District No. 1 (YK1) Trustees voted on Tuesday night to recommend that a replacement school for École J.H. Sissons be built on a different site on the property. The Board was asked by the Department of Education, Culture and Employment to provide a recommendation in order to meet GNWT capital planning requirements. While Trustees heard support for building on the existing site to protect the surrounding environment and playground, parents and other stakeholders felt that option would cause disruption to students, staff and parents. Tuesday’s vote was meant to provide a recommendation to the Department of Education, Culture and Employment. The final decision for a site option rests with the territorial government.

“I am confident that YK1 will come up with a positive plan for the education of our children during the construction phase should it be approved,” said John Stephenson, Chairperson of YK1’s Board of Trustees.

The departments of Infrastructure and Education, Culture and Employment have been notified of the board’s recommendation. YK1 will continue to work closely with the territorial government on this exciting project and provide regular updates to parents and other stakeholders.

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