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VIA EMAIL

Dear Hidden Valley School Council:

Re: Hidden Valley School Staffing

Thank you for your letter regarding staffing at Hidden Valley Elementary School. The Department is committed to providing quality educational experiences for students in schools and ensuring schools are appropriately staffed.

As per Department processes, any readjustments of student numbers are reviewed in each new school year. This process ensures the accuracy of student enrolment in schools at the start of each school year, and that enrolment aligns with student attendance. Hidden Valley Elementary School, along with other schools, will have a review of student enrolment early in the fall to determine accuracy of projections and to determine if any adjustments are needed.

Hidden Valley Elementary School has been provided with special funding for a specific purpose. As that purpose is being shifted to another school, the funding follows. However, Hidden Valley Elementary School continues to have funding for 1.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) Learning Assistant Teacher positions, 1.0 FTE Learning Assistant Teacher position through the Confidence and Supply Agreement (CASA), 0.5 FTE for Literacy Teacher support, and 0.03 FTE for English Language Learner support for a total of 3.03 FTEs. The school leadership team can allocate as much time from this support time to Neurodiverse Programming to support the needs of the students in the school.

Educational Assistant FTEs are allocated based on the need throughout the Department, and the numbers fluctuate depending on the needs of students at schools from year to year. The allocation of Educational Assistant FTEs to Hidden Valley Elementary School is based on the determined need and funding availability.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Christine Franes, Superintendent of Schools, Area 1 at Christine.Franes@yukon.ca.

Thank you for the work you do to support schools; your dedication is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jeanie McLean". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeanie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McLean".

Jeanie McLean
Minister of Education