



## COUNCIL OF YUKON FIRST NATIONS

Office of the Grand Chief

January 27, 2010

Dear Chiefs:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with some information on the *Promoting Partnership Building to Enhance First Nations Education* project. This is an opportunity for First Nation governments to partner with INAC and Yukon Education to identify and address the numerous issues facing First Nation students in the present education system.

Statistics show that our students are receiving below average scores on achievement tests and missing more than twenty-one days of school per year. By participating in this partnership we can work towards ensuring First Nation students are equipped with the essential skills they will need to succeed in today's work force.

Significant progress has been made in advancing First Nations Education through a number of earlier processes but there is a lot more work that needs to be done.

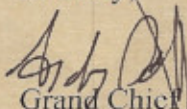
The objective of this project is to focus on common goals and outcomes for the education system and to develop strategies that will break down the barriers that prohibit our students from succeeding. With your participation, we will develop a Memorandum of Understanding and an Action Plan that will detail the types of activities the partnership and the stakeholders agree to that will advance First Nation student achievement.

Duu Chuu Management and Consulting have been hired to coordinate and facilitate the project on behalf of CYFN. Mary Jane Jim and Tim Cant have extensive experience in the education field and have participated in numerous other Yukon First Nation education processes.

Three workshops will be held in February and March to explain the project more completely and to receive your feedback. Timelines for the project are tight as the MOU and action plan must be drafted by mid March 2010.

More detailed information will be distributed in the next few days. We all need to work together to enhance the education system and ensure a brighter future for our students.

In Unity,



Grand Chief  
Andy Carvill