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### **Graduation Celebration for Yukon's Educators**

WHITEHORSE – Forty-four Yukon educators recently received their Level 1 certificates in the Yukon Education Leadership Program.

"I congratulate all the participants of this program for their commitment to supporting the continuous improvement of education in Yukon," Education Minister Patrick Rouble said. "As part of New Horizons, the Yukon Educational Leadership Program supports new formal and informal leaders who have the requisite skill sets to facilitate the transformation of the Yukon education system as articulated in the Education Reform final report."

The program was developed by the Department of Education / Association of Yukon School Administrators, which has representation from the Yukon First Nation Education Advisory Committee; the Yukon Catholic Education Association; the Association of Yukon School Councils, Boards and Committees; Yukon College and the Yukon Teachers' Association.

Participants in the program met monthly and also participated in one full-day session each term. The program included a two-day leadership academy last August. At Level 1, the session's theme was focused on moral stewardship. Topics included appreciative leadership, First Nations governance, ethical decision-making, critical thinking, legal considerations in education and educational leadership.

Educators who continue with Level 2 will participate in programming centered on an instructional leadership theme including: conflict resolution, human relations, special education, leading for learning, finance and public relations.

The Department of Education and Yukon College recently announced the new Master of Education program. Yukon Education Leadership Program Certificate Level 1 holders can apply for optional credits toward this program.

"The Department of Education is committed to promoting lifelong learning," Rouble added. "In the Yukon Educational Leadership Program, our upcoming leaders in education are learning more about how to help ensure all Yukon students are provided with the tools they need to become productive, responsible and self-reliant members of society both today and in the future."

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