

Every Student, Every Day

VICTORIA GOLD YUKON STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT SOCIETY

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Every Student, Every Day Fund Opens Applications for 2019-2020 School Year

Whitehorse, Yukon – The *Every Student, Every Day* fund, an initiative of the charitable Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society (the “Society”), is pleased to announce applications are being accepted to directly fund grass roots, community-driven projects that will help address student attendance challenges in the territory.

The application deadline is Thursday, March 12th. The Society in conjunction with Yukon Education has \$150,000 available for disbursement to Yukon schools, First Nations and community organizations for project implementation during the 2020-2021 school year.

Established in 2012, the Society, working in partnership with Victoria Gold Corp., the Department of Education and its valuable partners and sponsors, has raised over \$650,000 and directly funded more than 90 attendance improvement projects.

“Working together as a community to support regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways we can prepare our children for success, both in school and in life,” said Society President, Tara Christie. *“By directly funding student attendance projects, we are helping our students develop valuable life skills, avoid high-risk behavior, improve their chances to graduate from high school, thereby allowing for their success in life.”*

“Student attendance is vital to student success. The Every Student, Every Day projects developed by individual schools and communities aim to improve student attendance and engagement. Thank you to all those who participate in these important projects across the territory!” Tracy-Anne McPhee, Minister of Education

The Department of Education distributes the project application form to all Yukon school principals and is providing the *Every Student, Every Day* fund with \$30,000 this year. A volunteer selection committee made up of Society, departmental and school board representatives evaluate and select the successful proposals each spring.

To learn more about *Every Student, Every Day* and to access the project application form, please visit www.everystudenteveryday.ca before the application deadline of March 12, 2020.

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