

Department of Education
PO Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

August 27th, 2020

Dear Wood Street and Porter Creek Secondary school communities,

Re: Modular classrooms at Porter Creek Secondary School

This school year, some Wood Street Centre programs have been relocated to Porter Creek Secondary School as part of our efforts to meet the health and safety guidelines set by Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health. The learning spaces for these programs at Porter Creek Secondary include the three modular classrooms at the back of the school, and other spaces inside the school building.

Initial inspections took place earlier this summer, with follow-up inspections in August. In August, water damage was identified in one of the modular classrooms. Following standard procedures, air quality testing and surface-level testing was conducted for this modular classroom. As a precaution, air quality testing was also conducted at the other two modular classrooms, although no water damage or other concerns were identified there. Testing was conducted by a third-party contractor, Sifton Range Environmental Consulting Ltd, and the results were received by the Government of Yukon on Monday, August 24. The results of all tests have been shared with the Yukon Worker's Compensation Health and Safety Board as we work together to address any questions or concerns they may have.

While this process has been underway, these modular classrooms have not been used by students and staff. We have arranged additional available spaces inside the school for these programs while we ensure the modular classrooms are safe and ready.

This testing confirmed two modular classrooms were safe to be used by students and staff. Yukon Worker's Compensation Health and Safety Board has confirmed that they have no concerns with students and staff working and learning out of these two modular classrooms. These modular classrooms will now be available for use by students and staff of the FACES and CHAOS programs.

The results for the other modular classroom did show a positive result for mold. This modular classroom will remain closed until next steps are determined. The Wood Street Centre programs will continue to use the spaces within the school and be able to start using the two modular classrooms that have now been cleared for use.

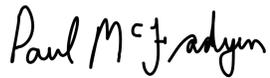
Our thanks to all the staff and students from Wood Street and Porter Creek Secondary School for their kindness and patience while we've worked to ensure these programs have the spaces and resources

they need. We will continue to support these programs to be successful and will share any updates with students, families and staff.

This has been a more challenging start to the school year than in normal times. I want to thank you all again for your understanding and your support for the students and staff of Wood Street programs and at Porter Creek Secondary School. It is important that we continue to work together to make this school year a success.

If you have any questions or concerns, I ask that you please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul McFadyen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and 'M'.

Paul McFadyen
Superintendent area 1