



Deputy Minister's office (E-1)
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Dear parents/guardians:

RE: Singing and playing music at school

As schools have adjusted their programming to the health and safety guidelines set by Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health, many are expressing a desire to get back to singing and playing music.

We are pleased to hear that on September 30, 2020, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health released health and safety guidelines for singing and playing music, which provide guidance on how these activities can go forward while ensuring health and safety. You can view these guidelines at: yukon.ca/en/health-and-wellness/covid-19-information/industry-operating-guidelines-covid-19/singing-and-music.

Singing and playing music has always been a valuable part of the school experience for students that contribute to positive health and well-being. While these guidelines are now available, school administration and school staff, including music teachers, will determine how music programming at their school may be adjusted and if additional opportunities can be offered while meeting these guidelines. Adjustments to music programming at the school will need to be outlined and updated in the school's operational plan and reviewed by the school's superintendent. Once plans are approved, school administration will provide any updates to music programming directly to students, staff and families and with their school's health and safety committee for ongoing monitoring of the health and safety protocols at their school.

This is not a normal school year and the health and safety of students and staff continues to be our first priority. Thank you for your patience while we continue to plan and adapt school programming based on updated advice and recommendations from Yukon's Chief Medical Officer of Health.

For any questions, please contact your school administration directly.

Sincerely,

Nicole Morgan,
Deputy Minister of Education