

# Every Student, Every Day

VICTORIA GOLD YUKON STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT SOCIETY

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## ***Every Student, Every Day* Set to Fund New Student Attendance Projects**

**Whitehorse, Yukon** – The *Every Student, Every Day* fund, an initiative of the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society (“the Society”), is seeking applications in order to fund grass roots, class room-driven student attendance projects. The funding is available to schools, community groups and Yukon First Nations throughout the Yukon.

The application deadline is March 4, 2016 and \$40,000 will be available for disbursement to successful project applicants.

Established in 2012, the Society, working in partnership with Yukon Education and the private sector, has raised \$190,000 to directly fund projects that help increase student attendance levels in Yukon schools.

“This will be the fourth consecutive year we have worked with our community to raise funds to disperse and support vital student attendance projects in the territory,” said Society President Tara Christie. “We extend our sincere appreciation to Yukon Education for their commitment to our volunteer efforts and look forward to receiving another exciting intake of proposals this March that are developed by communities, for communities, to reflect the unique needs of students.”

Yukon Education administers the project application process and for the past two years, has matched the Society’s fundraising up to \$25,000. A selection committee made up Society, departmental and school board association representatives evaluate the proposals each spring.

“From Old Crow to Watson Lake and Carmacks to Copper Ridge, in the last three years, we have provided financial support for 28 Yukon projects to help increase student attendance and look forward to supporting more this coming spring,” said Society Vice President Amanda Leslie. “We now have statistics that demonstrate that *Every Student, Every Day* is making a tangible, positive impact on student attendance rates and encourage all schools, Yukon First Nations and community groups to apply this March.”

To learn more about *Every Student, Every Day* and to download an application for submission by March 4, please visit [www.everystudenteveryday.ca](http://www.everystudenteveryday.ca).

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