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South Slave Divisional Education Council Membership Endorses Mediation Offer from Minister

Fort Smith, NT – The South Slave Divisional Education Council (SSDEC) representatives are pleased to accept the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment's offer of an external mediator to work with the Council and the Hay River District Education Authority (DEA) as a means to renew a positive working relationship and restore effective communication between both organizations.

According to the Council's Chairperson, Ann Pischinger, the Council remains committed to working well with each of the Hay River, Fort Smith, Fort Resolution, Lutsel K'e and the Hay River Reserve DEAs that make up the SSDEC. "The Council looks forward to moving ahead and rebuilding a positive relationship with the Hay River DEA through a new representative and we hope an external mediator will be able to help us in achieving this goal," notes Pischinger.

Meeting the educational needs of all the region's K-12 students will continue to be the foremost priority of the Council. "As a Council, we have chosen not be distracted by ongoing political issues. Our focus has been, and will continue to be, on the education of the South Slave children," adds Pischinger.

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