

**Tribute to Every Student, Every Day in the Yukon Legislative Assembly  
Wednesday, April 26, 2017**

**In recognition of Every Student, Every Day initiative**

**Hon. Ms. McPhee:** Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Every Student, Every Day, a student attendance initiative. This initiative is a partnership between the Victoria Gold Yukon Student Encouragement Society and the Yukon government.

Every Student, Every Day provides funding to local projects to encourage regular student attendance and active engagement in school. Up to \$25,000 is contributed each year by the Yukon government to match funds raised. This year, a total of \$50,000 will be awarded to support 15 projects across Yukon.

One project receiving money from Every Student, Every Day is the maker space project at Johnson Elementary School in Watson Lake.

Another project is academic and land-based camps offered through the Individual Learning Centre. These camps help students earn credits, learn healthy habits and develop work skills.

The Teen Parent Centre, the Teslin School and the Elijah Smith Elementary School will also receive funding for projects that engage families in the school.

Communities help improve attendance, and this is critical for students to feel part of the school and to learn as a group. With exciting projects that engage different learning styles and interests, students can have more success at learning, as well as develop stronger connections with the school community. Regular attendance and engagement foster better grades and develop important work habits that benefit students throughout their lives. Every Student, Every Day funds programs that improve attendance.

Since 2012, Every Student, Every Day and the Government of Yukon have worked in partnership to provide almost \$235,000, which has supported 50 locally generated attendance initiatives. I am proud of our partnership with the society and the community partnerships with our schools that bring benefits for our youth. This initiative is an incredible example of a company giving back to our community. I would like to thank Victoria Gold for continuing to support this initiative. This company has shown great commitment to Yukon and is setting an excellent example for others investing in the territory.

I would also like to note that I am bringing this tribute today on behalf of each of the other parties here in the House. They join us in this tribute. Thank you. Merci beaucoup. Shaw nithän.