



Dear staff and parents,

I am writing to provide you with an update on some recent findings at the Child Development Centre (CDC).

Earlier this year, the roof of the CDC building experienced extensive leaking, which we believe resulted from ice damming and the extreme snowfall this past winter. In July, the Department of Highways and Public Works (HPW) took steps to remediate the leak but discovered evidence of mould while doing so.

When evidence of mould is suspected in one of our buildings, we close the building for testing to ensure the health and safety of its occupants. On July 22, HPW staff notified the Department of Education and the acting Executive Director and board at the CDC about the situation. At that time, the building was immediately closed to facilitate the testing process. One week later, the tests confirmed that mould was present in the building.

The mould that was discovered is a fast growing mould, which suggests that it hasn't been present for very long. Our HPW staff frequently check on the building while performing maintenance and at no time were visual signs of mould present.

While we are still assessing the extent of the damage and remediation required, we have determined that the space will not be suitable for use this year. We understand that time is of the essence, and we are working closely with the CDC and the Department of Education to secure a temporary space for the year that will adequately meet programming needs and allow for continued therapeutic supports to be delivered. More information about next steps will be announced in the coming days.

We understand you may have questions and I encourage you to contact me at any time by email at [Anthony.DeLorenzo@yukon.ca](mailto:Anthony.DeLorenzo@yukon.ca) or by phone at 867-668-4934. I have also attached a list of common questions and answers to this letter that I hope will provide some clarity on the situation.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Alayne Squair, Executive Director, Child Development Centre