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**NEWS RELEASE**

**REFERENDUM VOTING – UNOFFICIAL RESULTS**

The referendum voting period concluded today, Monday, February 27, 2023, at 8:00 pm in the four attendance areas where the Minister of Education accepted resolutions or petitions.

The following schools met the threshold required to support the transition to the First Nation School Board. Pending official results and formal approval by the Minister of Education and the First Nation School Board trustees, these schools will be combined with the First Nation School Board at the start of the 2023/24 school year.

School	Community
Eliza Van Bibber School	Pelly Crossing
Ghùch Tlâ Community School	Carcross
Kluane Lake School	Destruction Bay

The following school did not meet the threshold required to support the transition to the First Nation School Board. Pending official results, this school will continue to be operated by the Department of Education, supported by a school council. School council elections will take place in Spring 2024.

School	Community
Del Van Gorder School	Faro

Unofficial results are attached. Official results will be available on Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

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Name of School / Community	Total votes cast				Total valid votes (total – rejected)	Unofficial result
	Yes	No	Rejected <sup>1</sup>	Total		
Del Van Gorder School Faro	38	64	0	102	102	Threshold not met
Eliza Van Bibber School Pelly Crossing	80	4	0	84	84	Threshold met
Ghùch Tlà Community School Carcross	34	13	0	47	47	Threshold met
Kluane Lake School Destruction Bay	20	3	0	23	23	Threshold met
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>256</b>	

### Notes on Unofficial Results Reporting

1. Rejected includes rejected certificate envelopes and rejected ballots.  
 A certificate envelope may have been rejected if it was not fully completed. The most common reason for rejecting a certificate envelope was it not being signed. Ballots may have been rejected if they were improperly marked. The most common reasons for rejecting a ballot include it not being marked for yes or no, it being marked for both yes and no, or it being marked in a way that the voter can be identified.
2. The Minister may combine the school council with the School Board if at least 50% plus 1 of the valid votes returned are a YES. A minimum of 3 votes is required. The formula for calculating the threshold is the number of valid votes multiplied by 50% plus 1 (rounded up).

Examples:

Valid votes	Calculation	YES votes required to meet threshold (rounded)
1	$= (1 \times 50\%) + 1$ $= 0.5 + 1$ $= 1.5$	<i>Threshold cannot be met</i>
7	$= (7 \times 50\%) + 1$ $= 3.5 + 1$ $= 4.5$	5 YES votes required
50	$= (50 \times 50\%)$ $= 25 + 1$ $= 26$	26 YES votes required
100	$= (100 \times 50\%)$ $= 50 + 1$ $= 51$	51 YES votes required

3. To protect the secrecy of the vote, the reported total votes cast at all locations (locally with the Referendum Officer, by mail, at Elections Yukon, or via secure drop box) is combined.