



BACKGROUNDER | JH SISSONS REBUILD

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The geotechnical study recommended that, due to the height of the water table, ground stability and school footprint required, the most appropriate and stable location on the École J.H. Sissons School property (“the JHS property”) for school construction is the existing school site.

On the JHS property, there were three sites originally proposed. Core samples, height of water table and ground stability were assessed for all three during the geotechnical study. The results concluded that the existing school site was the safest and most appropriate location.

The Superintendent of Yellowknife Education District No. 1 has developed an accommodation plan for students to move to other YK1 schools across the city for the duration of the construction. Students’ education will not be compromised; they will be a part of the school community they are moved to.

Construction is planned to begin in August 2020 to be completed in August 2022. Project cost will be determined once the Request for Tender phase is complete and a contractor is chosen for the new project. The design of the school will be developed over the coming months during the planning study process.

The GNWT provides for infrastructure throughout the territory through the capital planning process.