



Yukon Legislative Assembly

Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

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Hon. Tracy-Anne McPhee
Minister of Justice
Box 2703
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6

Dear Minister McPhee,

RE: Policing Priorities

Several recent traffic accidents and near-misses involving school buses and children have resulted in growing public concern.

In reviewing the 2018-2019 policing priorities established by your government, I noted that traffic safety was not included in the list of priorities for this year even though it had been included in previous years. Further, references to improving safety in school zones and enforcement of traffic related vehicle infractions, which create a high risk to other people on the road, were also noticeably absent in the priorities established for this year despite being in the priorities set by the previous government in 2016-2017.

As you are now in the process of setting the policing priorities for the upcoming year, I encourage you to take the concerns expressed by parents and representatives of Standard Bus Yukon seriously, and ensure the 2019-2020 policing priorities list traffic safety as a priority, including specific references to safety and enforcement in school zones and around school buses.

Additionally, I urge you to ensure the policing priorities for 2019-2020 address the issue of illegal drug trafficking, including the importance of targeting the illegal sale of fentanyl and other opioids.

Sincerely,

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Official Opposition Critic for Justice

Cc. Chief Superintendent Scott Sheppard, Yukon RCMP