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Re: Nunavut Arctic College response to Report Number 21-198-RR (GN file number: 1029\_20-NAC02116)

August 3, 2021.

Commissioner Steele,

Thank you for your letter dated July 7, 2021. In this letter you outline your findings and recommendations to a request the Nunavut Arctic College (NAC) received under Nunavut's Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ATIPPA).

As the Minister responsible for NAC, I thank you for your detailed letter. I can confirm that it was reviewed with great interest, particularly your overview of sections 15, 23 and 25.1 of ATIPPA. Of particular note, NAC appreciated the analysis you provided on the applicability of section 23 in an educational setting. Your overview and analysis align with NAC's understanding that adult learners are still learners. This will serve as an important reminder for the organization going forward. Finally, I appreciated the confirmation that NAC applied the exemptions under Section 15, 23 & 25.1 correctly. Your letter affirms NAC's intent to ensure all parties were treated fairly in this matter.

The recommendations you provided are also duly noted. I can confirm that this recommendation has initiated important discussions amongst the staff responsible for supporting NAC in ATIPP matters. I can confirm that NAC staff will work with the department of Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs ATIPP Manager to ensure that this recommendation is discussed across amongst departmental representatives to ensure other Government of Nunavut department and agencies are better aware of this specific responsibility. NAC agrees with your recommendations in your review and will consider how to apply its discretion under sections 15 and 25.1 of the ATIPPA for information withheld under those section moving forward.

Thank you for your time on this matter,

Honourable David Joanasio,  
Minister Responsible for the Nunavut Arctic College.