



Joint news release

Education Leadership Program 2000 being held in Iqaluit

IQALUIT, Nunavut (July 04, 2000) – The 13th session of the Educational Leadership Program opens today in Iqaluit.

More than 50 candidates from across Nunavut and the Northwest Territories are enrolled in the program, often referred to as the Principal Certification Program. The two-phase course is mandatory for anyone holding a school principal position in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, but is also open to teachers who are looking for professional development opportunities. Past programs have also enjoyed the participation of educators from First Nations schools in Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia.

“We are pleased to host the 2000 Education Leadership Program,” Nunavut Minister of Education James Arvaluk said. “This comprehensive and informative program was developed in the North for northerners.”

The program uses a combination of large and small group sessions, individual study and practicum assignments to deliver course curriculum. Candidates must participate actively in the course by taking part in and leading group discussions, chairing meetings and making presentations. Previous participants indicate one of the many highlights of the program is the value of sharing ideas and networking with other teachers and administrators in education.

“The Educational Leadership Program helps to develop administrators with the skills to lead their staff and students through the rapidly evolving education system,” NWT Minister of Education Culture and Employment, Jake Ootes said. “Northern schools face unique challenges. This program will give leaders in education the confidence they need to face those challenges.”

The program runs until July 12, 2000.

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