



## News release

### Education Minister to officially open addition to Cambridge Bay elementary school

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 16, 2001)** - Education Minister Peter Kilabuk will join the Cambridge Bay District Education Authority to officially open the addition to Kullik Iihavik school today at 7:00 pm.

Premier Paul Okalik and Cambridge Bay MLA Kelvin Ng will also attend the opening ceremonies.

“Students at Kullik Iihavik have been very cooperative in sharing their school with students from Kiilnik High School since it was destroyed in a 1998 fire. They will continue to do so until the new high school is completed later this year, but students and teachers can now enjoy this new space in their school,” Minister Kilabuk said.

The addition has added five new teaching spaces for kindergarten, a double Grade 6, a dedicated computer lab with 24 computers, and a cultural area used for activities with elders and large group gatherings. The cultural area has a skylight, display spaces for Inuit arts and crafts, as well as a stove and sink for elders to prepare tea when they visit with the students.

“Making the elders feel welcome in the school and providing space for them is what the education system of Nunavut wants to see,” Minister Kilabuk said.

During the opening, Margaret Lyall, a former kindergarten teacher who tragically lost her life last spring, will be honoured and remembered.

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