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Nunavut Education Leadership Conference being held in Iqaluit January 23 - 25

IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 23, 2001) – Education leaders are meeting in Iqaluit this week and part of their discussions will focus on restructuring education around Inuit language and culture within the circumpolar region.

“This conference should provide an opportunity for us to identify and deal with issues that we share as a new territory, a new department and a new system of Education,” Education Minister Peter Kilabuk said. “We can also learn much from other groups who have already started their self-determining journeys.”

District education authority chairpersons, Department of Education and regional school operations staff and school principals from across Nunavut are meeting this week. Keynote speakers include Oscar Kawagley of Alaska; Lone Hindby Borg and Soeren Porsboel of Kalaallit Nunaat (Greenland); Mary Aitchison of Nunavik; and John Amagoalik, Eva Arreak, and Jaypeetee Arnakak of Nunavut.

The conference, sponsored by the Government of Nunavut’s Department of Education, will also include discussions on Nunavut’s Education Act, language of instruction and roles and responsibilities of district education authorities.

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