



News Release

Nunavummiut to celebrate Illisaivattunut Ulluq

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 11, 2002) – Education Minister Peter Kilabuk today announced the creation of Illisaivattunut Ulluq, a day for those who teach, which will be held across Nunavut on February 25, 2002.

“This is an initiative that will recognize and celebrate those who are involved in all facets of teaching, not only in a formal classroom setting,” Minister Kilabuk said. “This special day supports the *Bathurst Mandate*, which states in part that “the value of teaching and learning shall be acknowledged at all levels and from sources inside and outside of our communities.”

Illisaivattunut Ulluq will be an annual event occurring on the last Monday of February to celebrate the work of all those who teach inside Nunavut’s educational institutions, pre-schools, in the home and in the broader community. This includes school and college teachers and other instructors, language specialists, classroom support assistants, elders, parents and all those who teach cultural and other programs both inside and outside the educational system.

Those who teach in Nunavut work in a unique cultural and social environment and have a particular responsibility to incorporate Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in the fabric of their teaching. The challenges faced, both socially and culturally, are enormous but so are the rewards as we see our children and youth grow and blossom into adulthood, join the workforce and live productive lives.

Minister Kilabuk encourages Nunavummiut to find ways to appreciate all those who teach.

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