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Inuit Culture Strengthened by Educators' Leadership Training

IQALUIT, Nunavut (July 7, 2004) – Twenty-nine Nunavut educators are in Iqaluit for a leadership program that will help make Inuit culture and values the foundation of school work.

“The Educational Leadership Program supports our educators to strengthen their skills and knowledge in Nunavut,” says Education Minister Ed Picco. “The program is guided by the principle of Pijariuqsarniq, under which a workplace becomes more accommodating and flexible to allow for the implementation of new ideas and practices.”

Inuit participation in the program increased this year with 12 Inuit participants and three of the four group leaders being Inuit.

This is the first year that the program is being sponsored solely by Nunavut. For the past five years, the Educational Leadership Program was offered jointly with the Northwest Territories. This year's course is being held from June 28 to July 9.

Participants include current principals who are required under the *Education Act* to complete certification. Other participants are teachers interested in leadership roles, skills and knowledge about northern education promoted through the program.

Participants focus on instructional leadership, teacher supervision, developing community partnerships and community education planning. The course also provided an opportunity for educators to work with community leaders and elders when they spent two days on the land.

The Educational Leadership Program strengthens the skills of educators to use creativity and resourcefulness within their school and the community.

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