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Education Advisory Committee Will Support Lifelong Learning

IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 22, 2004) - Education Minister Ed Picco is creating an Education Advisory Committee to provide direction and guidance for the development of a Nunavut Education System.

Picco announced his intention today at the start of Education Week, which ends March 26, 2004. The theme this year is "Together: Learning for a Lifetime."

"Learning occurs all around us, not only in K-12, but from our peers, parents, teachers, other educators, and elders. The theme for Education Week celebrates this learning," said Picco.

In April, the minister will be collecting nominations for 10 representatives to participate in the Advisory Committee. Representatives will include educators from the early childhood, K-12 and adult programs in Nunavut.

The advisory committee has the support of Lou Budgell, President of the Federation of Nunavut Teachers. "The federation supports the creation of an advisory committee to strengthen education in the territory. Working together ensures a positive and long lasting difference for children and communities," said Budgell.

Education Week will recognize the work and dedication of our educators. On March 23, Nunavut will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Day. The Minister of Education will also celebrate Early Childhood Educator's Appreciation Day on March 25.

"Learning is a lifelong experience for all citizens. It is easy to recognize our learning through milestones such as the conclusion of a course or a graduation ceremony. Learning takes place every day. Education Week is a time to reflect on and celebrate informal education," said Picco.

The Minister of Education and the Federation of Nunavut Teachers will conclude the week with the Teachers Make a Difference Campaign in Cambridge Bay, which is being organized by the union.

Picco encourages communities to actively participate in Education Week as an ideal way to promote the value of education both inside and outside the classroom. Most of the activities have been organized by groups such as District Education Authorities, schools and day cares.

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