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Minister Welcomes Education Consultation

IQALUIT Nunavut (September 10, 2004) – Education Minister Edward Picco says his consultations with District Education Authorities and education officials across Nunavut have provided a solid foundation to take the next steps towards implementing key Education Department initiatives.

"I want to thank everyone who participated in these discussions. One of the key issues raised was the need for an education system that better reflects Inuit Societal values. I am committed to achieving that," said Picco.

The cornerstones of a reformed education system are a made-for-Nunavut Education Act, a language of instruction policy and curriculum development, all of which were discussed during Picco's consultations.

Talks conclude today with Qikiqtani District Education Authorities and officials. A meeting in the Kitikmeot is scheduled for October.

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