

News Release

Education Week 2005 to be held April 25 -29

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 19, 2005) – Education Minister Ed Picco announced today a week long celebration to recognize educators -- including traditional teachers -- and the value of education throughout Nunavut.

“The theme for Education Week this year is ‘*Education is the key to your future*,’” Picco said. “To become skilled is a never ending lesson in life. This week will, I hope, inspire learners of all ages to realize that they hold the answer to their potential.”

Highlights of the week include Teacher Appreciation Day (April 28), Early Childhood Educators Appreciation Day (April 26) and the launch of 12 new publications by the Department of Education designed for children in Nunavut schools.

“This week is a chance for each of us to thank the educators in our licensed child care facilities, our public schools and Nunavut Arctic College and the board members for these organizations for their hard work,” said Picco. “It will remind us that for us in the north wisdom can be found in many places, especially from within.”

Picco said Education Week is another way of demonstrating the department’s fundamental shift to pro-active services for Nunavummiut. “Education helps people make positive choices and contribute to the future of Nunavut,” he said.

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