



News Release

Joamie School An Example of Energy Efficiency

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 22, 2005) –The newly rebuilt Joamie School in Iqaluit has become the first building in Nunavut to receive national recognition for its energy efficient design. Natural Resources Canada provided the recognition through its Office of Energy Efficiency.

Community and Government Services Levinia Brown pointed to the award as an example of the Government of Nunavut's commitment to developing environmentally friendly projects.

"The design of the Joamie school is a demonstration of how we must all consider the impact on the environment of our development decisions," said Brown.

Judged against the national energy code for buildings the Joamie School is estimated to be a third more energy efficient than the standard.

Minister of Education Ed Picco cited the design as an illustration of his department's effort to incorporate social and educational values with the need to reduce energy consumption.

Joamie Ilinniarnvik is a great energy model for Nunavut and Canada. We have achieved a balance between an energy efficient design and technology and an appropriate learning environment. By facilitating a discussion between Elders, parents, teachers, and the community, with the design and construction teams we have been able to move forward with this exemplary building," said Picco.

The Joamie School currently has 32 students in kindergarten and 190 students in grades 1 through 5. Final enrollment numbers for 2005-'06 will be available in October.

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