

News Release

Education Week 2006 – Investing in Nunavut's Future

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 24, 2006) – Education Minister Ed Picco is emphasizing the need for strong partnerships during this year's Education Week, which starts today.

"This year's theme, *Education - Investing in Nunavut's Future*, highlights the importance of life-long learning and the value of education in economic development and self-reliance," said Picco. "Investing in our territory's future begins with solid partnerships in all areas."

Highlights of Education Week 2006 include Educators Appreciation Day on April 24th, Early Childhood Educators Day on April 26th and Skills Training Day on April 27th.

"This week, I encourage all Nunavummiut to acknowledge the educators in your childcare facilities, public schools, training facilities and Nunavut Arctic College, as well as those who've enriched your educational experiences at the community-level," said Picco.

"Education is a partnership between students, teachers, communities, elders and families with the support of all levels of government. As we move forward in creating a new Education Act, implementing aspects of the Bilingual Education Strategy and revitalizing the Nunavut Teacher Education Program, we must continue to work together to ensure positive outcomes," he said.

Education Week is an annual event, aimed at acknowledging Nunavut's educators and raising awareness about the importance of education in building a Nunavut that is self-reliant and prosperous.

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