

## News Release

## Education Week brings together Minister's Advisory Committee

**IQALUIT, Nunavut** (**April 27, 2006**) – Members from all levels of education in Nunavut came together this week for a meeting of the *Educators' Advisory Committee* in Iqaluit. Representatives in early childhood, kindergarten to grade twelve, post-secondary, income support and trades training from across the territory gathered April 25-26 to discuss education in Nunavut with Education Minister Ed Picco.

"These meetings are crucial to hear what our educators are experiencing at the ground level," said Minister Picco. "Their participation allows the Department of Education to set priorities based on feedback from the classroom. I am especially pleased that we were able to meet during Education Week."

The *Educators' Advisory Committee* meets twice a year to establish educational goals, gain an understanding of educators' needs and recognize the challenges and successes they face everyday. Highlights of this week's meeting were literacy, trades training, the revitalization of the Nunavut Teacher Education Program and adult learning.

"I'm very happy the Department of Education is moving forward and that we're establishing priorities," said Jessie Lyall, a Cambridge Bay teacher and member of the committee. "We're continuing to make students the focus of education in Nunavut."

"A consistent education system is important and I'm glad the Department of Education is focusing on a seamless system from early childhood education right through to post-secondary," said Louise Flaherty, Coordinator of the Nunavut Teacher Education Program at Nunavut Arctic College.

The next meting of the *Educators' Advisory Committee* will take place in Iqaluit in October 2006.

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