



## News Release

### Nunavut Principal Chosen as One of Canada's Outstanding

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (January 12, 2007)** – Lisi Kavik, co-principal of the Nuiyak School in Sanikiluaq, has received the Canada's Outstanding Principals Award for her commitment to building partnerships in her community that provide support for students and encourage learning.

“Through her leadership and direction Lisi has engaged her whole community in the learning process,” said Education Minister Ed Picco. “Her energy and vision, supported by local District Education Authority, has brought together the school and Elders to build Inuit cultural skills into the school program.”

In support of Inuit language and culture Kavik organized a major project bringing Elders and Inuit youth together in writing circles to document cultural knowledge for production of a book – *Stories From Sanikiluaq*.

Canada's Outstanding Principals program is an initiative of the Learning Partnership, a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to championing a strong public education system in Canada. The program honors the extraordinary contribution of education leaders in publicly-funded schools.

This year 32 principals from across the country who have made a measurable difference in the lives of their students and their communities by supporting the delivery of quality education, have been selected for this honor.

Kavik is a graduate of the Nunavut Teacher Education Program and has taught most grades from Kindergarten to Junior High. She has been co-principal of Nuiyak School since 1999 and is currently enrolled in the Masters of Education program sponsored by the Department of Education in partnership with University of Prince Edward Island, St. Francis Xavier University and Nunavut Arctic College.

“Lisi's passion for language and culture and her commitment to lifelong learning is an inspiration to us all,” said Picco.

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