

## News Release

## Clyde River Principal Receives Master of Education Degree

**IQALUIT, Nunavut** (May 17, 2007) –Education Minister Ed Picco congratulates Jukeepa Hainnu of Clyde River on receiving her Master of Education degree from the University of Prince Edward Island.

"Jukeepa is an inspiration to educators and others in Nunavut pursuing ongoing professional and personal development opportunities," said Picco.

Ms. Hainnu is currently on leave from Quluaq School in Clyde River where she serves as co-principal. Jukeepa has been an educator for over 25 years in Nunavut and graduated from the Nunavut Teacher Education Program with her Bachelor of Education in 1996.

Ms. Hainnu is guided by a strong belief in the Inuktitut language and culture and their vital role in schools. Over the past years, she has worked with various community groups to ensure traditional ways and language become the backbone the school.

"Ms. Hainnu's service and determination in integrating Inuit culture, language and values into her school is greatly appreciated by staff, parents, students and the community," said Picco.

The Department of Education also sponsors, in partnership with Nunavut Arctic College, Saint Francis Xavier University and the University of Prince Edward Island, a Master of Education program in Educational Leadership. Coursework began in November 2006. More than two dozen Nunavut educators are pursuing their graduate degree in this program.

Ms. Hainnu will be returning to her post as principal of Quluaq School in the new academic year.

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