

## News Release

## Nunavut's Education Week 2008 – Be a Teacher!

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 22, 2008)** – Education Minister Ed Picco is encouraging Nunavummiut to pursue teaching as a career during Education Week 2008, which is this week.

"This year's theme, *Be a Teacher*, highlights the need for educators in our schools and child care facilities and the importance of teachers fluent in Inuit language," said Picco. "Producing educators able to teach in Inuit language will be vital to building a bilingual work force in Nunavut."

Highlights of Education Week 2008 include Early Childhood Educators Day on April 23rd and Educators Appreciation Day on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

"This week, I encourage all Nunavummiut to acknowledge the educators in your childcare facilities, public schools, training facilities and Nunavut Arctic College. The work our teachers do to enrich the lives of our students and the entire community is so important," said Picco.

"Educators, volunteers, students, Elders, parents, counsellors, District Education Authorities and the *Commission scolaire francophone du Nunavut* all play a role in teaching our citizens. On behalf of all Nunavummiut, thank you for all your hard work, dedication and patience," 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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