



## News Release

### Nunavut's Legislative Assembly Unanimously Approves the Education Act

**IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 19, 2008)** – With the passing of the Education Act, the Nunavut Legislative Assembly has set Nunavut's education system on a course to being a bilingual system founded on and in accordance with Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Inuit Societal Values.

“With a new *Education Act*, we have completed the framework for a fundamental shift in the education system,” said Ed Picco, Minister of Education. “This is a made-in-Nunavut Education Act for our culture, our languages, and our student's needs.”

The new *Education Act* will bring real and progressive change for our learners, including bilingual education for all students, Inuit culture in every aspect of our education system, local control with much stronger and direct roles for District Education Authorities, and more support for students to stay engaged and succeed.

“I am confident this legislation will be a great base for ensuring student success and helping to increase graduation levels around the territory,” said Picco. “This new Act signals progress and change for our education system.”

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