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Nunavut's Education Week 2009 – See Yourself as a Graduate!

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 21, 2009) – During Education Week, April 20 to 24, 2009, Education Minister Louis Tapardjuk is encouraging Nunavummiut to get an education and graduate.

"This year's theme, *See Yourself as a Graduate*, highlights the importance of students completing their education and the opportunities that stem from graduating," said Tapardjuk. "Whether it's a diploma, certificate or degree from high school, college, university or trades; graduation opens a world of possibilities!"

Highlights of Education Week 2009 include District Education Authority Appreciation Day on April 20th, Early Childhood Educators Appreciation Day on April 21st, Teacher Appreciation Day on April 22nd, Parent Appreciation Day on April 23rd and Student Appreciation Day on April 24th.

"This week, I hope all members of Nunavut's communities take the time to celebrate their educational successes and encourage other young Nunavummiut to look forward and explore the possibilities associated with graduation," said Tapardjuk.

"Education is a partnership between our students, teachers, communities, Elders and families with the support of all levels of government. As we work towards realizing the *Education Act*, implementing the Bilingual Education Strategy and enhancing the Nunavut Teacher Education Program, we must continue to work together to ensure positive outcomes," he said.

Education Week is an annual event, aimed at acknowledging Nunavut's educators and raising awareness about the importance of education in building strong, healthy and capable Nunavummiut.

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