

News Release

Education Week 2010: Focus on Made-in-Nunavut Curriculum

IQALUIT, Nunavut (April 19, 2010) – The Department of Education is showcasing a decade of made-in-Nunavut curriculum. With the development of new courses, core curriculum, resources and modules since 1999, the Government of Nunavut is demonstrating its commitment to an education system founded in Inuit societal values and Inuit culture and language.

"This year's theme, Education in Nunavut: Learning with tradition, culture and innovation!, truly celebrates the many pieces of curriculum that the Department of Education has developed," said the Honourable Hunter Tootoo, Acting Minister of Education. "Our rich heritage, strong cultural values and commitment to Inuit language will build a successful education system. Our continued work on new curriculum is a key piece in this journey."

As part of the new Education Act, the Department of Education is strengthening its commitment to the production of materials relevant to Nunavut. Over the past few years, these have included the Nuna, Tariuq and Sila science curriculum for high school students, the Aulajaaqtut curriculum on personal wellness, the Staking the Claim resources, helping students understand the journey towards Nunavut's land claim, as well as a host of materials dealing with bilingual education at all levels.

"These are exciting times for education in Nunavut. I am thrilled to see the great strides that are happening in our primary and secondary schools," said Minister Tootoo. "Nunavutrelevant curriculum is essential to build a reflective and appropriate school system for our territory. We can all take great pride in the work that is being done."

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, connected and vibrant. For more information, please visit www.edu.gov.nu.ca.

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