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Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Teachers' Association sign new collective agreement

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 17, 2011) – A new four-year collective agreement was signed today between the Government of Nunavut and the Nunavut Teachers' Association.

Minister of Human Resources the Hon. Hunter Tootoo, and Nunavut Teachers' Association President Robin Langill, signed the new collective agreement today at the Legislative Assembly in Iqaluit. The agreement is effective from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013.

"I am very pleased that we were able to come to a fair and reasonable agreement for our teachers," said Minister Tootoo. "Ensuring quality learning opportunities for our students depends on successful negotiations and positive relationships with our educators."

"This agreement is a win-win for Nunavummiut," said Langill. "It provides stability in education for students, parents and teachers. The working environment of teachers is the learning environment of students."

The new agreement ends the uncertainty for both sides and provides great benefits and stability for Nunavut's students. Highlights of the new collective agreement include:

- Wage increases of 4.5 per cent, 2.0 per cent, 2.0 per cent and 2.5 per cent, as of July 1st in each year of the contract, beginning in 2009;
- Language allowances are maintained for bilingual teachers;
- Establishment of a safe schools anti-violence committee mandated to develop and implement initiatives to keep Nunavut schools free from all forms of violence to provide a safe environment for teaching and learning.

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Backgrounder attached.

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