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Adult Education gets funding boost

IQALUIT, Nunavut (February 23, 2012) – Adult Basic Education programs at Nunavut Arctic College (NAC) got an \$11 million boost from the federal government in an announcement made by Prime Minister Stephen Harper today in Iqaluit.

“Nunavut is transforming our education system to equip Nunavummiut to seize the opportunities of a global economy,” said Premier Eva Aariak. “A critical piece of the puzzle is our adult learners – those who did not finish high school, but who want to get back on the education track to realize their dreams and provide for their families and communities.”

The Government of Nunavut invests more than \$25 million a year in Community Learning Centers and Regional Campuses of NAC. We have many education professionals dedicated to Adult Basic Education. They are achieving results through a network of adult education delivered by NAC in every Nunavut community. The new investment from the Government of Canada will allow for important enhancements over the next 5 years.

The additional funding will be put towards: innovative online delivery of adult basic education; creation of new and better ways of evaluating the skills and know-how of our students; new Inuit Language learning resources; and audio enhancements in the classroom for the hearing impaired, that will ensure that no student is left behind.

“We are pleased with this funding from the Government of Canada. This investment will help build the made-in-Nunavut workforce demanded by our growing private sector,” said the Honorable Daniel Shewchuk, Minister of Nunavut Arctic College. “It will help drive down the cost of doing business and keep the benefits of a flourishing economy here at home.”

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