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Circumpolar Conference on Education Opens in Iqaluit

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IQALUIT, NU – Approximately 125 delegates and speakers will participate in the Circumpolar Conference on Education for Indigenous People being held November 26-30 in Iqaluit.

Throughout the conference, delegates from eight circumpolar regions – Sweden, Norway, Greenland, Alaska, Nunavik, Nunatsiavut, Northwest Territories and Nunavut – will have the opportunity to explore, learn and share their insight into the many factors and influences that affect program delivery in the vast circumpolar regions.

“There is a history of collaboration between the circumpolar regions,” said Minister of Education, Premier Eva Aariak. “Our aim is to rejuvenate the connections between us and build lasting relationships to provide a foundation of learning that combines the wisdom of traditional knowledge with the best in western educational methods while incorporating best practices.”

Discussion during the conference will focus on three topics that are very relevant to providing quality education across the circumpolar regions: early childhood education, delivering quality programming, and parental and community engagement.

“We hope this conference will be the first of many, where we share, gain knowledge and new ideas, strengthen partnerships and thrive in our own education systems, guided by our unique and shared circumstances,” said Premier Aariak.

The conference is co-hosted by the Government of Nunavut’s Department of Education and Naalakkersuisut, the Government of Greenland.

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Revised schedule to come.

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