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Department of Education announces new wellness benefits for eligible Inuit FANS recipients

Iqaluit, Nunavut (November 7, 2023) – The Department of Education is pleased to announce new funding for eligible Nunavut Inuit who receive Financial Assistance for Nunavut Students (FANS).

As of the fall 2023 semester, all current Inuit recipients of the FANS Supplementary Grant will receive a wellness benefit of \$500 per semester.

The Department of Education is currently undergoing a comprehensive review of the FANS program and is planning to completely revamp and re-envision the program.

“What is evident from the work of the review is that increased funding, as well as other types of wrap-around support are needed to better foster the success of our college and university students,” said Minister of Education, Pamela Hakongak Gross. “The implementation of a completely re-envisioned FANS program will take time, and we know students need more support now.”

The Department of Education plans to continue to offer this benefit until the new and revised FANS program is implemented.

Eligible FANS Inuit students can expect to be contacted by the FANS office and receive the new wellness benefit within the next several weeks.

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