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Standing Committee on Health and Education prepares for public consultations on Bill 1, the proposed new Education Act

IQALUIT, Nunavut (August 21, 2002) - The Legislative Assembly's Standing Committee on Health and Education met in Kugluktuk last week to prepare for upcoming public consultations on Bill 1, the proposed new Education Act.

The Legislative Assembly passed a motion last March to include all Members and Alternate Members of the Standing Committee in the review process. All eight Members attended the meeting in Kugluktuk.

Residents of Kugluktuk had the opportunity to meet with MLAs. "It was good for the community to have the chance to talk in person with Members of the Legislative Assembly," said Donald Havioyak, MLA for Kugluktuk and Standing Committee Member.

"We look forward to hearing the views of the public on Nunavut's education system," said Jobie Nutarak, MLA for Tunnunig and Chair of the Standing Committee. "Nunavut's Education Act is one of the most important pieces of legislation that we will consider during the life of the first Assembly."

The Standing Committee plans to begin holding public hearings on the Bill in early October. A detailed schedule of meetings will be announced in September.

The Special Committee to Review the Official Languages Act also took the opportunity to meet in Kugluktuk to plan its upcoming community consultation tour for mid-September. The Special Committee is mandated to review the Official Languages Act. The Committee tabled an Interim Report earlier this year.

"It will be a busy fall for MLAs," said Rebekah Uqi Williams, MLA for Quttiktuq and Chair of the Special Committee. "Nunavummiut will have the opportunity to speak directly to their elected representatives on important issues."

Copies of Bill 1, the proposed new Education Act, are available from the Legislative Assembly. Written submissions on the Bill are encouraged.

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