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Speaker Peter Kilabuk Announces First Nunavut Youth Parliament to be held in November

IQALUIT, Nunavut (September 13, 2006) – Pangnirtung MLA and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Peter Kilabuk today announced that the first Nunavut Youth Parliament will be held at the Legislative Assembly in Iqaluit during the week of November 6-10, 2006.

Speaker Kilabuk said, "The Nunavut Youth Parliament is an exciting opportunity for our youth to learn about our system of government while interacting with their peers from across the territory."

Students in grades 9-11 are eligible to apply to take part in the Youth Parliament. Information and application materials have been sent to school principals, and are available from the Legislative Assembly. A total of 19 students will be selected to assume the roles of Nunavut's 19 MLAs.

The Office of the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly is organizing the event. Travel and accommodation costs for the selected participants will be covered by the Legislative Assembly.

Speaker Kilabuk said, "Participating students will get to experience all of the elements that make up a real sitting of the Legislative Assembly. We will be recording the proceedings and students will be able to take home such things as a special edition DVD and a commemorative edition of Hansard."

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