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Special Committee to Review the *Education Act* Invites Public Submissions

IQALUIT, Nunavut (June 10, 2014) - The Legislative Assembly's Special Committee to Review the *Education Act* invites Nunavut residents and organizations to provide submissions concerning the legislation. The Special Committee will accept submissions up to October 31, 2014.

The Special Committee to Review the *Education Act* was established by way of a formal motion at the Legislative Assembly's sitting of June 9, 2014. The members of the Special Committee are George Hickes (Chair), Simeon Mikkungwak (Co-Chair), Pat Angnakak, The Honourable Paul Quassa and Joe Savikataaq. The Special Committee has been mandated to report its findings to the House during its fall 2015 sitting.

Section 202.1 of the *Education Act* provides that the Legislative Assembly's review of the statute "shall include an examination of the administration and implementation of the Act, the effectiveness of its provisions and the achievement of its objectives and may include recommendations for changes" to the legislation.

Special Committee Chair George Hickes said, "I will be writing directly to a number of stakeholders across Nunavut, including the Coalition of District Education Authorities, the *Commission scolaire francophone* and the Nunavut Teachers' Association to invite them to share their views on what changes to the *Education Act* and its associated regulations may be required. The submissions that we receive from individuals and organizations will help to guide our review over the coming year."

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