

they have an understanding of graduation rates between First Nations students and non-First Nations students. It is a positive, but at the same time our office found that there had been little effort to understand what those root causes were, as I had mentioned earlier. One of our recommendations was that the department do more analysis and put in place actions to, on the one hand, understand why are those differences occurring and to take actions to close those gaps. On the one hand, I think that the similarities would be that they are also facing challenges in terms of ensuring that all students, in this case, whether they were First Nations or non-First Nations, are succeeding at school and that they are taking the appropriate action to try to address those challenges.

I don't know if I have any specific best practices to draw from that. I would note that I'm somewhat familiar with some of the initiatives based on discussions we've had also with the education department in the Northwest Territories. More recently earlier this year we haven't looked at it from an audit perspective, but they were introducing career and academic advisors. There was a team that was put in place. If I'm not mistaken, it's a team of six individuals that are meant to cover the whole territory and they are to reach out to students both in person, so going to communities to meet with students, but also to maintain connection with them after the fact, either through online or through the telephone. They are introducing what I thought were some interesting alternatives or good practices potentially in terms of that world of providing students with advice, both in terms of career and academic advice.

From what I understand based on the department's business plan, they are also introducing this notion of alternative graduation options for students and it's to be

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as a means of making school more culturally relevant, if you will, to students so that it wasn't all just about encouraging them to get into a specific occupation, but there are other more traditional activities that are equally important and that can also encourage them to stay in school and in fact could very much be a valuable opportunity for them to get into after high school as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. Quassa.

Mr. Quassa (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also thank you for that response. I'll reiterate that those who are not necessarily in school, unilingual Inuit had a lot of education and they have more knowledge than some of us in harvesting, in treatment of animals or sewing, and so on. They had a lot of learning experience.

(interpretation ends) Again to the Auditor General of Canada, on page 2 of your report, paragraph 9 states, "Citizens whose education is limited face fewer opportunities for jobs and civic participation." Can you clarify what you mean by "civic participation" in the context of Nunavut society? (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman (interpretation): Thank you. Mr. McKenzie.

Mr. McKenzie: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. "Civic participation," when I reflect on that word, I wonder if we did enough to put it in plain language, but really it's some people who may not have sufficient literacy skills can be hesitant or...yes, I guess "hesitant" might be the word, to get into activities such as volunteering within their community, following and understanding issues of local concern that they can contribute to, for

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