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Joint Curriculum Resource Released

(September 2, 2014 – Iqaluit, Nunavut) - Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. and the Government of Nunavut today launched a comprehensive jointly developed curriculum resource that supports the delivery of a new Grade 9 social studies teaching unit. The curriculum in the unit is intended to teach students about democracy and the importance of Canada’s electoral process, with a specific in-depth focus on NTI elections.

The resource is a teacher’s guide that includes material on the history and negotiations of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, NTI’s political structure, Canada’s electoral process, and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The guide also includes a contest for Grade 9 students. Students who participate in the contest produce digital public service announcements explaining the importance of voting in NTI elections.

“I am pleased to launch this joint initiative with the Government of Nunavut today,” said NTI President Cathy Towtongie. “NTI hopes this will provide Nunavut’s students with a solid foundation in understanding the importance of voting in elections, while also providing them with a good understanding of the history of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and the formation of NTI.”

“Strengthening our education system is a top priority for this government,” said Minister of Education Paul Quassa. “Creating new curriculum that explains how we govern ourselves in modern society and helps students understand the history of Nunavut provides an engaging and valuable learning experience.”

This joint resource is scheduled to be launched in schools this fall, in time for the NTI vice-presidential election on December 8, 2014.

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