



Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

Annual General Meeting

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Resolution #: A06-11-09

Nunavut Education Act

Moved by: James Eetoolook

Seconded by: Peter Kapolak

WHEREAS Inuit education is fundamental to the maintenance and development of Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun, Inuit culture and well-being;

WHEREAS the objective of maintaining and developing Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun, Inuit culture and well-being is not reflected in current Nunavut education legislation;

WHEREAS Thomas Berger has recommended strong and effective measures to reform the Nunavut education system to promote Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun and to maintain and develop Inuit culture and well-being;

WHEREAS District Education Authorities find Departmental control of the educational system and the lack of regional boards of education does not promote or maintain Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun, Inuit culture and well-being, and is not effective in graduating a majority of Inuit students;

WHEREAS Divisional Boards of Education were abolished in 1999 and the NTI Board has called for their re-instatement; and

WHEREAS the Government of Nunavut is currently considering changes to the Nunavut Education Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated strongly supports changes to the Nunavut Education Act which would:

- 1) guarantee Inuit students the right to education in Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun from Kindergarten to Grade 12 in every community in Nunavut;
- 2) provide for a representative number of Inuit teachers and education staff, including principals;
- 3) provide for a curriculum which encompasses Inuit culture, including Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun, Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit, and land-based skills, along with vocational

and academic proficiency; and

- 4) establish elected Inuit school boards which would represent District Education Authorities and have effective authority over regional school operations

In Favor: 46 unanimous

Against: 0

Abstentions: 0

Carried



Defeated



Date: November 17, 2006