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LAUNCH OF A WEB PORTAL DEDICATED TO INUIT-CENTERED EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Kuujuuaq, Qc. (April 15, 2020) – It is with great enthusiasm that Kativik Ilisarniliriniq launches today the Nunavik Inuit-centered Education resource portal (Nunavik-IcE), a website dedicated to educational resources in Inuktitut, English and French.

“The primary goal of this portal is to support Nunavik educators with a library of resources linked to our curriculum,” said Etua Snowball, Director of Education Services at Kativik Ilisarniliriniq.

With the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak and the closure of schools, access to online resources for parents and children became a top priority. Responding to a changing situation, the school board expanded on a website it was developing to create and upload additional resources that are specifically designed for use in a family setting.

“I am really glad we were able to turn around as a team and mobilize the right resources quickly in order to provide parents with great resources that are rooted in our environment, Inuit kinship values and communities,” declared Mr. Snowball.

The Nunavik-IcE portal features lessons and other local resources collected and developed by the Education Services department in collaboration with teachers, elders and knowledge holders as well as staff and partners who support Nunavik education. Resources for families are labeled with a green tab featuring a silhouette of a house. These resources were identified to help children and youth consolidate the knowledge and skills they have acquired at home and at school.

“I truly hope that the resources available on the Nunavik-IcE website will spark meaningful educational experiences for our students in a family setting. I also want to encourage families to provide us feedback on these resources, so that we can enhance them and meet Nunavimmiut’s needs” added Mr. Snowball.

The Nunavik-IcE website can be accessed [here](#).

About us:

Kativik Ilisarniliriniq, the school board of Nunavik, was created in 1975, under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA). Since 1978, it has been the exclusive provider of educational services to all Nunavik residents. Under the JBNQA, the school board also acts as an institution with unique powers and jurisdiction geared towards the protection and development of the Inuit language, culture, and way of life, through the delivery of tailored educational services and programs. The education programs developed by the school board are offered in all schools of the 14 Nunavik communities, in Inuktitut as first language and in French and English as second languages. The school board operates 17 primary and secondary schools as well as 6 adult education centres. For more information, visit www.kativik.qc.ca.

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