



News Release
Documentary Video
Going Places: Preparing Inuit High School Students for a Changing Wider World
Premieres in Iqaluit

Iqaluit Nunavut (October 29, 2011) the documentary video, *Going Places: Preparing Inuit High School Students for a Changing Wider World*, will premiere at the Astro Theatre in Iqaluit at 10AM. The documentary is a result of an ArcticNet research project on Inuit education. The project investigated and documented how Inuit principals in Pangnirtung and Clyde River work with their District Education Authorities (DEA) to engage students, parents, and staff to bring about change in their schools through the implementation of *Inuit Qaujimajatuqagit*.

“The research project focused on the decisions, practices, strategies and actions that contribute to successful school-community partnerships and the greater engagement of parents and students in education” said Fiona Walton, Faculty of Education, UPEI.

“The documentary was exciting because it involved a unique research partnership with the Coalition of Nunavut DEAs, the Nunavut Department of Education, and the Faculty of Education at the University of Prince Edward Island , with the Nunavut Research Institute as a collaborating partner” said Willie Nakoolak, Chair of the Coalition.

Attending the documentary premiere will be DEA representatives, DEA Coalition of Nunavut, who will be visiting Iqaluit from across Nunavut for their Annual General Meeting. While invitations will be sent to others, also in attendance will be the current Minister of Education and Premier Eva Aariak, the Deputy Minister of Education Kathy Okpik, University of PEI Lead Researcher Dr. Fiona Walton, and Government of Nunavut researchers Lena Metuq, Jukeepa Hainnu, Saa Pitsiulak, and Elisapee Flaherty. The documentary filmmaker and producer of this film, Mark Sandiford, will also be attending this event.

The general public is welcome to attend the documentary premiere on *Saturday, October 29 at 10:00 am Astro Theatre*.

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