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National Centre for Inuit Education
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To: Schools, Early Childhood Development Centres, Elected Education Officials, School and Early Childhood Development Centre Boards/Committees

From: Terry Audla, President, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Re: Community-Based Solutions Grant Proposals

Date: January, 2015

In February 2013 The Amaujaq National Centre for Inuit Education was created to implement the recommendations of the 2011 National Strategy on Inuit Education. Parental engagement is part of the first phase of implementation, along with projects examining the unification of the Inuit language writing system and expanding research on recent developments on Inuit education. The goal of our parental engagement initiative is to give parents the resources they need to get their children to school all day, every day, well rested and ready to learn. For more information about the National Strategy on Inuit Education, visit www.amaujaq.ca.

In December of 2013 Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami's Amaujaq National Centre for Inuit Education was honoured to accept, on behalf of the National Committee on Education, an Arctic Inspiration Prize in the amount of \$325,000 to be directed at parent engagement initiatives in Inuit Nunangat, (www.arcticinspirationprize.ca). We are appreciative of this award and want to thank the funders of the Arctic Inspiration Prize for their support of this project. One of the initiatives within the Arctic Inspiration Prize we received funding for was to encourage parental engagement community based solutions to improve student success by granting one time grants to community, early childhood development programs and/or school based projects.

I am writing today to encourage your organization to consider and solicit projects proposals that are designed to enhance parent and community participation in the education of our Inuit youth. I have attached an application form to be completed and forwarded to the attention of Heather Ochalski, our Project Coordinator for the Arctic Inspiration Prize implementation. Heather may be reached at Ochalski@itk.ca or by calling 613 238 8181. Proposals are due no later than Friday, February 20, 2015.

We look forward to receiving your project proposals.

Sincerely,

Terry Audla, President
Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Cc Heather Ochalski, Project Coordinator