

Motion

Elders Teaching in Schools

WHEREAS it is critically important that elders in the Northwest Territories share their knowledge and culture in our schools;

AND WHEREAS elders in most communities are willing to teach the young people in schools, or as part of school programs on the land;

AND WHEREAS the simple presence of supportive elders in schools, and the high degree of respect they get, adds to students' sense of security and strengthens their ability to learn;

AND WHEREAS elders should be compensated for their work and time, like anyone else providing a valuable service to the GNWT;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Nunavut has organized the teaching role of elders in schools and made policies for their involvement, including compensation, in its "Innait Inuksiutilirijit" program;

NOW THEREFORE I MOVE, seconded by the honourable Member for Weledeh, that this Legislative Assembly strongly recommends the Department of Education, Culture and Employment devise a certification program to certify elders to teach in NWT schools in time for the start of the new school year in the fall of 2011.



Date of Notice:	February 28, 2011	Moved by:	Mr. Yakeleya
Date of Introduction:	March 3, 2011	Seconded by:	Mr. Bromley
Disposition:	Carried RV		
Carried:	March 3, 2011	Ruled Out of Order:	