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South Slave Educators Converge in Hay River **Annual SSDEC In-service Set to Promote Promising Practices**

Fort Smith, NT – Educators from all eight South Slave schools, representing the five communities within the region, will converge in Hay River this upcoming Wednesday - Friday (August 24th – 26th) for the South Slave Divisional Education Council's (SSDEC) Annual Staff In-Service. Approximately 200 participants comprised of the region's teachers, principals, education assistants, and regional office staff will be attending the three-day event.

The overarching theme for this year's in-service is *Promoting Promising Practices* and participants will be treated to workshops covering topics like Student Assessment, Career Development, Literacy, Homework & Study Skills, Effective Behavioral Supports and Working with Challenging Students. A range of expert presenters will be delivering the sessions, including several of our very own exemplary SSDEC educators.

This year's event also presents a new twist. As SSDEC Superintendent Curtis Brown observes, "We are extremely pleased to partner with the Fort Smith and South Slave regions of the *Northwest Territories Teachers' Association* (NWTTA) in expanding this event by an additional day. We believe this additional time together will give the event a more conference like atmosphere, with greater choice in workshop offerings."

One of the greatest benefits of these types of professional development gatherings is the ability educators have to link with other educators dealing with similar issues. NWTTA Regional Vice-President Marnie Villeneuve notes, "It is very pleasing to know that NWTTA members will leave the conference with new experiences and a network of support that ensures teaching is more rewarding for teachers and even more beneficial to students."

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