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## News Release

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### **SSDEC Launches Annual Excellence in Education Awards**

*Awards to recognize contributions of Council staff and education partners*

Fort Smith, NT – The South Slave Divisional Education Council (SSDEC) is pleased to announce the launch of its new Excellence in Education Awards Program for 2005-06. The purpose of the Excellence in Education Awards is to publicly recognize the sustained commitments and outstanding contributions made by staff, parents and community members in helping to create the best possible futures for South Slave students. As Ann Pischinger, SSDEC Chairperson attests, “It is always an honor to recognize the dedication, commitment and exemplary practices of our staff, parents, students and education partners. These contributions allow our Council the opportunity to offer the best quality educational programming possible to South Slave students.”

The Excellence in Education Awards will be awarded annually to a recipient (s) selected from the following categories:

- *Program staff* – includes teachers, administrators, consultants and education assistants serving in South Slave schools
- *Partners in Education* - includes support staff (eg. Secretaries and custodians) parents, students, volunteers and other community members/groups that work in support of student learning

The Award Selection Committee will look for specific examples of how the nominee’s teaching or leadership positively contributed to school improvement and/or student success. Each award recipient will receive an award certificate and commemorative plaque. *The deadline for nominations for the 2005-06 Award is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006.*

For more information on the 2005-06 SSDEC Excellence in Education Awards or to receive a nomination package please contact the South Slave Divisional Education Council or a South Slave school in your community.

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