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News Release

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SSDEC, local authors and student illustrators Publish new series of Aboriginal language books

Fort Smith, NT – South Slave students will be reading some exciting new books – written by local authors and published in local languages – very soon.

The series of aboriginal language books feature stories and legends as told by two elders from Fort Smith, Georgina Mercredi and Henry Beaver. The stories and legends have been translated into all three aboriginal languages taught in South Slave schools: Cree, K'atlo'deeche Slavey and Chipewyan (Dene Yati). Students and youth from our region illustrated the books. The illustrators were Krystal De-Neiva Mateus from Diamond Jenness High School; Paula Paulette and Larissa Lusty, both from PWK High School, and Arthur Martel Jr. and Robert Martel, both former students of Chief Sunrise Education Centre.

They were published through a joint partnership between the South Slave Divisional Education Council and the NWT Cree Language Program and will be distributed to schools and families throughout the South Slave communities free of charge. It is anticipated they will form the basis for a growing collection of quality aboriginal literature in local homes, schools and communities.

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For more information please contact Jayne Murray, Public Affairs Officer for the SSDEC or Aboriginal Language & Culture Program Coordinators, Brent Kaulback or Mattie McNeill (867) 872-5701.

Enclosed please find complimentary copies of the series of aboriginal language books.