

## **What Makes Us Unique**

Kativik Ilisarniliriniq is the school board of Nunavik. It was created in 1975, under a land claims settlement known as the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement (JBNQA). Negotiated after a major hydroelectric project in the James Bay received opposition from the Inuit of Nunavik, the James Bay Cree, and other Aboriginal groups, the agreement is a protected treaty under the Constitution of Canada.

The school board embodies Inuit-controlled education. Under the JBNQA, Kativik Ilisarniliriniq can exercise unique powers to develop programs and curriculum aimed at enabling Inuit students to preserve their language, culture and identity. Providing students with access to learning based on Inuit values, culture, language, history, worldview, and approaches to pedagogy is at the core of our mission and vision.

Our programs and teaching materials are developed and taught in Inuktitut, English and French.



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# **Living in Nunavik**

Living in Nunavik is a unique experience offering beautiful landscapes, where communities with a strong sense of identity and pride welcome you in a way that makes you feel at home.

The Inuit have occupied the Nunavik territory for over 4,000 years. Their settlement in the 14 communities we know today is still fairly recent. The oldest villages, Kuujjuag and Kuujjuaraapik, were established in 1940, while the most recent village, Umiujaq was established in 1986. The population of Nunavik is almost exclusively Inuit and Inuktitut is the dominant language in the region.

#### **Schooling of Your Children**

Our employees generally choose to integrate their children to our regular classrooms. Homeschooling is also an option.

#### **Employment Possibilities for Your Partner**

Depending on the professional background of your partner, it is generally possible to find employment locally. Potential employers include the school board, the municipality, the Nunavik Regional Health Board, the Kativik Regional Government, etc.

#### **Food**

Basic food items can be purchased locally. A wide variety of fresh vegetables, fruits and meat is not always available and can be expensive. Food may be ordered from stores in Montreal, usually delivered within one week. The school board offers a food cargo allowance to employees.

#### Housing

The school board provides housing to employees who reside at a distance of 50 km or more from the community where they would be employed. The housing consists of a furnished apartment with major appliances. The rent is subsidized and ranges from \$120 to \$228 a month, including utilities. The size of the housing depends on the employee's family situation.

#### **Health Care**

Each community has a nursing station. There are two hospitals in the region. One in Kuujjuaq and one in Puvirnitug.

#### **Recreational Sports**

Nunavik offers opportunities for a wide range of outdoor sports. In addition, there are opportunities for indoor sports at the community arena, at the school gym and, in some communities, at the pool.



# **Teaching in Nunavik**

Kativik Ilisarniliriniq operates one school per community. The schools are used for all levels (preschool to secondary). The only exceptions are the larger communities of Kuujjuaq, Inukjuak, Salluit and Puvirnituq, where we operate elementary (including pre-school) and secondary schools in separate facilities. Currently, there are over 3,400 students in Nunavik's regular sector schools.

In addition to schools for the regular sectors, we operate Adult Education and Vocational Training Centers in the following communities: Salluit, Kangiqsujuaq, Inukjuak, Kuujjuaraapik, Puvirnituq and Kuujjuaq.

#### **Language of Instruction and Classrooms**

Inuktitut is the language of instruction for pre-school to elementary Grade 3 students. English and French are introduced as a second language as of Grade 3. Our classrooms are small and often multi-level (5 to 20 students on average per classroom).

#### **Incredible School Facilities**

Our schools are equipped with a gymnasium, a library, audiovisual equipment, interactive whiteboards, internet access, computer labs and science labs.

We are looking for passionate and qualified teachers to teach in the 14 Nunavik communities. If you have experience teaching in a second-language environment, have worked abroad and are a highly motivated selfstarter, we would like to meet you!

English-French bilingualism is not a requirement to teach in Nunavik.

To submit an application, please visit our website: career.kativik.gc.ca

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