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## **NWT Releases Results of 2007 Student Assessments**

**YELLOWKNIFE (December 14, 2007)** – The results from the 2007 Northwest Territories-wide Alberta Achievement Tests (AATs) and Functional Grade Level (FGLs) were released today by the Honourable Jackson Lafferty, Minister of Education, Culture and Employment.

This is the third year that AATs have been written and FGLs have been tracked, in the Northwest Territories (NWT) and the results have been released.

AATs are based on the curriculum used in the NWT, in the areas of Language Arts and Mathematics. Students in grades 3, 6 and 9 wrote the tests in May and June. The AATs provide a picture of one day's performance, while FGLs show aspects of student performance over the full year.

The Functional Grade Level is the curriculum level at which a student is working in Language Arts and Mathematics, for the majority of the school year. Reporting is based on a variety of classroom assessment methods used by teachers over the course of the year. Functional Grade Level reporting has been initiated in steps in the NWT, starting with grades 1-3, in 2004-2005, and expanding to grade 9 for the first time in this reporting year (2006-2007).

The reporting of Functional Grade Level and Alberta Achievement Tests provides a complete picture of the NWT student's performance.

The summary of 2007 results for the NWT is attached.

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