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Deputy Minister of Education Honoured as one of Canada's Top 100 Female Leaders

WHITEHORSE - Pamela Hine, Yukon's deputy minister of education, has been named one of Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Winner for 2009 by the Women's Executive Network, Premier Dennis Fentie announced today.

"Yukon is fortunate to have Ms. Hine as one of our public service leaders," Fentie said. "This award is testament to her vision, creativity and determination. Her leadership has proven valuable in government's efforts to enhance partnerships with First Nations, business, industry and others to improve education for all Yukoners."

The Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Awards have become one of Canada's most recognizable honours bestowed on the country's highest achieving women leaders in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. Selected for recognition by an independent advisory board, the awards span eight categories: corporate executives, entrepreneurs, public sector leaders, trailblazers and trendsetters, champions, professionals, future leaders and arts and communications.

"Ms. Hine is very deserving of this award," Minister of Education Patrick Rouble said. "She fosters an atmosphere that is open to change, innovation and inclusion. Her commitment to working in partnership with others will lead to positive changes for Yukon."

To date, 460 women across Canada have received this distinction, including 62 women who have gone on to be inducted into the Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Hall of Fame.

To read more about the Women's Executive Network, visit www.wxnetwork.com.

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