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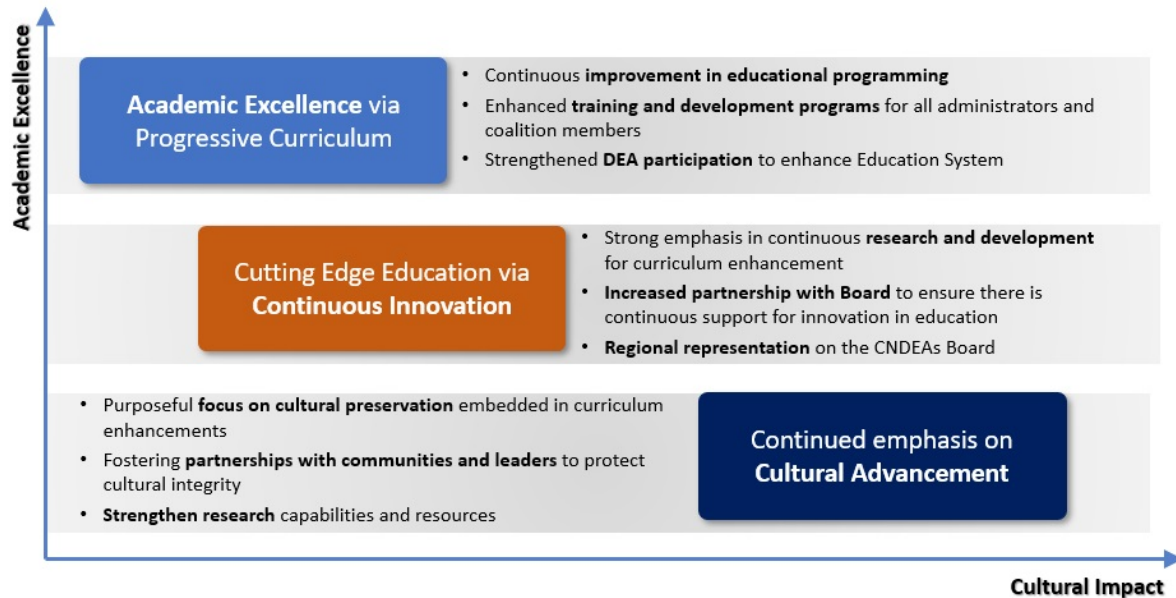
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*Coalition of Nunavut DEAs begins a strategic planning process, fueled by the adoption of Bill 25.*

**Iqaluit— March 4, 2021** — The Coalition of Nunavut DEAs has officially responded to Bill 25 by submitting a proposal to the Board of Education to increase funding for the hiring of highly important personnel required to kick off a recommended strategic update to the organization.

The CNDEA recognizes that its member communities require enhanced attention and oversight to uplift the academics and socioeconomic opportunities for each DEA. In response to this, the Coalition has embarked on a journey to establish and execute a strategic planning process which will fuel the future of the DEAs. The appropriate response of the funding proposal to the Board of Education will be required in order to adequately equip the CNDEAs for further action. In addition to hiring the appropriate personnel required to support the DEAs, we are in the process of creating a strategic pillar framework that will help guide us as we move forward.

As part of a multi-year planning initiative, we are in the process of establishing three strategic pillars, which will be the guiding principles behind future action: **1) Academic Excellence, 2) Continuous Innovation** and **3) Cultural Advancement**. Please see the below image which depicts this:



*“Our hopes are to establish a robust and scalable framework, which will help guide us for many years to come”* said the Chair Jedidah Merkosak. As we embark on this journey of continuous, iterative improvement for our member communities, through a purposeful and pragmatic approach. We look forward to partnering with the Board of Education on our journey and will work in close partnership with them in establishing a strong cadence of continuous learning and planning evolution of our DEAs. We welcome timely feedback as we proceed down this pivotal time in our organization and thank you for your continued support and partnership.

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