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YKCC INMATES RECEIVE GED CERTIFICATE

BETHEL – Since July 1, 2008 40 General Educational Development (GED) tests have been administered to 21 inmates at Yukon Kuskokwim Correctional Center. Four inmates completed all testing and received their GED certificate, while three offenders received their GED after releasing or while a resident at the Tundra Center halfway house.

Just one YKCC offender completed a GED between July 1, 2007 and June 30, 2008.

Successful completion of a GED certificate requires passing five separate tests which cover the high school subjects of writing, reading, mathematics, social studies and science.

Some graduates studied and took all their tests while incarcerated, and others took advantage of the opportunity offered by the Correctional Center to complete the GED program which they had begun elsewhere.

Since the beginning of the fiscal year, over 60 inmates have been involved in the YKCC GED educational program – 18 are still on site and currently active. Not all are pursuing GED testing - some have “educational gain” as a primary goal and others are working on their fundamental skills in mathematics. Since July 1, 2008 there have been approximately 1000 individual contact hours with students in GED classes at YKCC.

