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Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

# Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive met in St. John's on **January 22 and 23**. *Executive Notes* is a summary of major discussions that occurred at these meetings.

For further information contact any member of Provincial Executive or the staff person as indicated.

## President's Report

President Lily B. Cole reported on her activities since the November Executive meeting. She visited several schools in St. John's, Clarenville and St. Catherine's to meet with teachers, read to students as part of the Rotary Read-Along, and to attend the business of the Association. She attended numerous meetings in her capacity as President including meeting with the Learning Disabilities Association, she brought greetings to the School Administrators' Council meeting in Gander, the NL Association of Directors of Education Conference in St. John's, and the Beginning Teachers Conference in Clarenville. She also attended meetings with the NL Retired Teachers' Association and met with the Director of the Eastern School District and a Board Trustee. Several media interviews occurred on the topic of high school class size.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President.

## Update on Implementation of the ISSP/Pathways Commission Report Recommendations

Mr. Dan Goodyear, Director of Student Support Services, met with Provincial Executive to provide an update on the implementation of the ISSP/Pathways Commission Report recommendations. Questions from Provincial Executive members had been provided to Mr. Goodyear before the meeting and he was able to answer many of the questions and provided information on recent developments in his Division.

For further information contact Lily B. Cole, President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

## Association Priorities

The Association priorities for 2009-11 were reviewed by Provincial Executive. The NLTA administrative staff reviewed various elements of the priorities document including indicators of progress/success and updates. The Association

priorities for 2009-11 are: quality of teachers' work life; technology in education; membership involvement/awareness; advocacy; and implementation of Teacher Allocations and ISSP/Pathways Commission reports.

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## Other Business

- Templeton Academy in Meadows will be asked to host the Opening Ceremonies for Education Week 2010.
- The NLTA will write the Minister of Education to express its concerns pertaining to the inadequacy of the Teacher Allocation Model for small rural schools in the province and this matter will also be pursued through other avenues with government.
- The NLTA will discuss with the provincial government an amendment to the Credit for Pensionable Service section of the Teachers' Pension Plan to reflect the modern military service requirement of NLTA members who are also members of the Canadian Forces Primary Reserve when they are on war service on behalf of their country.
- The NLTA will nominate Past-president Sean Noah for the upcoming vacancy as the eastern representative on the Board of Trustees for the CTF Trust Fund for 2010-13.
- The NLTA will continue its sponsorship of the Newspapers in Education Program at the level of \$1,000 for 2009-10.
- The NLTA will contribute the amount of \$5,600, the equivalent of \$1.00 per member, to the Education International Haiti Earthquake Solidarity Fund.

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## Discussion Topics

The following topics were reviewed by Provincial Executive for comment, actioning or further discussion: Hearts for Haiti; pension indexing; honorarium for supplementary exams; on-line posting of homework; teacher payroll; supervision; opening/closing dates for school year; and teachers covering for teachers.

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## Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of Provincial Executive is **March 25, 2010** followed by Joint Council on **March 26-27**.

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President or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.