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BRIAN SHORTALL MADE HONORARY MEMBER OF THE NLTA

St. John's, NL... Brian Shortall was made honorary member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association on April 8, 2015 during the Association's Biennial General Meeting in St. John's. Brian joins a group of 43 distinguished Newfoundlanders and Labradorians who have received this honor.

Brian Shortall was born in 1946 in St. John's. He graduated from the University of Ottawa in 1967 with a BA and B.Phil and graduated from Memorial University with a BA(Ed) in 1969 and a M.Ed. in 1972. He began teaching in St. John's in 1969 and over the years taught at St. Bonaventure's Junior High School, Gonzaga High School, Beaconsfield High School, St. Pius X School and Holy Trinity High School. In 1989 he became Superintendent of the Roman Catholic School Board for St. John's and in 1996 he became CEO/Director of Education with the Avalon East School District. In 2004 he was appointed as Executive Director/CEO of the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association and is currently in that position. In 2006 he joined the Canadian School Boards Association National Board of Directors.

From 1979-81 Brian was President of the Newfoundland Teachers' Association and from 1983-85 he was President of the Canadian Teachers' Federation. He was Chair for two years of the Canadian Teachers International Development Assistance Program and has also been a Director of the Canadian Education Association and was an active participant in the Canadian Association of School Administrators. In 1995 Brian was the provincial recipient of the Newfoundland and Labrador School Boards Association Educator Award.

Brian was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2003 as well as the Canadian Teachers' Federation Special Recognition Award for Meritorious Service to Canadian Education. In 2004 and 2005 he visited several schools and educational districts in China in connection with the development of an international education program for students and teachers. In 2006 Brian was appointed Chair of the Teacher Allocation Commission to review the allocation of teachers within Newfoundland and Labrador. The report was presented in 2007 and was instrumental in changing the model for the allocation of teachers in the province.

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Brian has an extensive background in school district leadership, educational change and organizational development. He is a member of the educational organization Education Research and Development Corporation (ERDI), that enables forums between corporate partner companies delivering programs, services and products to learners and staffs in schools within Canada. He has written and presented numerous publications for presentation to government, various special interest groups and the general public on such topics as teacher allocations, student learning, measuring student performance, school leadership, school management, the emerging role of school principals, denominational education, multicultural/intercultural education and teacher certification, to name a few.

Brian's national experience is quite diversified as well. He has been a member of the Pan Canadian Project Steering Committee for Teacher Education, Curriculum Customization and Virtual Learning Technology, a member of the steering committee for the Canadian Education Governance and Administrative Network, and he has participated for over 30 years in national conferences and meetings of the Canadian Education Association and the Canadian School Boards Association, as well as others. He has been a member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, the National School Boards Association, the American Association of School Administrators, the Canadian Association of School Administrators, the Canadian Education Association, the Canadian School Boards Association, the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Directors of Education, the Vanier Institute on the Family, Computers for Schools, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Brian has also received the Covey Corporate Leadership Training including 7 Habits of Highly Effective People, 4 Roles of Leadership, and the Principle Centered Leadership International Program. He received the "Perspectives on Leadership Academy for Senior Education Officers" training from the Canadian Association of Administrators, attended the Center for Research on Educational Accountability and Teacher Evaluation from Western Michigan University and "On the Right Track: Selection and Interviewing Skills" from Towsley Borchardt.

Brian and his wife Claudia have three children and six grandchildren.

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