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## **WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 2015**

St. John's, NL... World Teachers' Day is October 5, 2015 and this year the focus is on raising public and political awareness about teachers' concerns and recommendations re child and youth mental health and child poverty.

“This year for World Teachers' Day we want to give all teachers and teacher organizations an opportunity to raise their collective voices on behalf of students,” says James Dinn, President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association. “The federal election is two weeks to the day after World Teachers' Day and teachers want a commitment to address the issues of child and youth mental health and child poverty.”

Teachers in Newfoundland and Labrador will join more than 30 million of their colleagues around the globe marking World Teachers' Day.

In 1994 the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated October 5 World Teachers' Day at the 44th Session of the International Conference on Education in Geneva. The date coincides with the anniversary of the adoption in 1966 of the Recommendations concerning the Status of Teachers. In adopting the UNESCO recommendation, governments around the world unanimously recognized the need and importance for society to have competent, qualified and motivated teachers.

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