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LET'S TALK SCIENCE PARTNERS WITH NLTA MATH/SCIENCE SPECIAL INTEREST COUNCIL

St. John's, NL... The NLTA Math/Science Special Interest Council BGM and Provincial Conference is taking place December 4th to December 6th at the St. John's Campus of Memorial University. Let's Talk Science, a national, charitable education and outreach organization has partnered with the NLTA's Math/Science Special Interest Council to present a lunch and learn for senior administrators, as well as a keynote address to educators highlighting the importance of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

"We are pleased that Let's Talk Science has partnered with the NLTA Math/Science Special Interest Council," says James Dinn, President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association. "This is a wonderful professional learning experience for teachers of mathematics and science."

"The partnership between the Math/Science Special Interest Council and Let's Talk Science is a natural one," explains Dr. Bonnie Schmidt, Let's Talk Science President and Founder. "We both understand the importance of STEM learning in schools in Newfoundland and Labrador. Our sessions at the conference are an effort to find ways to work with schools and their educators to further these common goals."

In the next 10-15 years, an estimated 6.5 million jobs will be created, many which will require STEM skills. Today's students will need preparation for these future careers. The keynote, *A Spotlight on STEM Learning: What Youth Think and Why it Matters*, will highlight this topic for educators at the conference and also be delivered via webcast to those across the province who are unable to attend in person.

Other sessions at the conference include, *STEM Teaching and Learning*, *Climate Change Curriculum*, *Web 2.0 Tools and Math Assessment*, *Engaging Girls in STEM*, *i-Think Math*, *Number Sense Investigations*, among numerous others that will be of interest to math and science teachers.

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