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NLTA, FACULTY OF EDUCATION AND FEDERATION OF SCHOOL COUNCILS TO BEGIN PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON THE STATUS OF THE K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

St. John's, NL... As teachers and students begin another school year in the provincial K-12 public education system, key stakeholders are preparing to ask Newfoundlanders and Labradorians their views on the state of public education in this province.

Beginning on Thursday, October 8, 2015 the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association, the Faculty of Education, Memorial University and the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils will begin cross province public consultations providing all interested parties with the opportunity to express opinions, concerns and/or general satisfaction with the public education system. The Panel will commence its consultations in Happy Valley-Goose Bay on October 8 and conclude in Port aux Basques on Monday, November 2.

James Dinn, President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association and Chair of the Panel on the Status of Public Education in Newfoundland and Labrador welcomes Dr. Kirk Anderson, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Memorial University and Ms. Denise Pike, Executive Director of the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of School Councils. "We are thrilled to have two such well known and accomplished advocates of public education as partners in this project," says Mr. Dinn.

The NLTA has a legislative mandate to promote public dialogue on public education. The Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association Act states:

The objectives of the Association are:

- (A) *To promote the cause of education in the province by*
- i. affording to education authorities, teachers and the public in general the benefits of the collective experiences and advice of teachers on practical education matters,*
 - ii. circulating information regarding educational methods and movements in the province and elsewhere,*
 - iii. stimulating through the media of communication an interest in education among the people generally, and*
 - iv. organizing and supporting groups for improving the knowledge and skills of teachers.*

It is the goal of the Panel to give all interested parties, such as parents, special interest groups, teachers and the general public an opportunity to voice their opinions, concerns or general satisfaction with the education system.

The Panel will provide a final report with recommendations to government. For more information on dates, times, and locations, please visit www.nlta.nl.ca.

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