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WORLD TEACHERS' DAY 2011

St. John's, NL... The national theme for World Teachers' Day, October 5, 2011 is "Teachers: Inspiring students, awakening potential."

"The theme this year for World Teachers' Day focuses on the experience, expertise and knowledge of all teachers," says Lily B. Cole, President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association. "By inspiring students, teachers awaken potential allowing students to be the best they can be."

Teachers in Newfoundland and Labrador will join more than 30 million of their colleagues around the globe marking World Teachers' Day. The regular meeting of the Council of Atlantic Provinces' Teacher Organizations (CAPTO) coincides with World Teachers' Day this year. CAPTO is composed of representatives of the Association des enseignantes et des enseignants francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick, New Brunswick Teachers' Association, Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association, Nova Scotia Teachers Union, Nunavut Teachers' Association and Prince Edward Island Teachers' Federation. Meeting in Corner Brook this year, CAPTO regularly holds joint meetings to formulate policy and discuss issues facing public education.

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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