



# Bargaining

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In accordance with Association policy, regular communication will be provided to NLTA members by way of periodic updates on the status of the collective bargaining process.

Since the last communication following bargaining sessions from April 11-12, 2018, negotiations have continued, including several meetings involving the Minister of Finance, Tom Osborne, and members of his senior staff, NLTA President, Dean Ingram, and NLTA Executive Director, Steve Brooks. The NLTA negotiating team met from June 24-27. Talks continued over the summer and Minister Osborne remains involved. Significant financial issues remain on the table and your negotiating team is committed to achieving the best deal possible for teachers. There are

no scheduled dates for further negotiating team meetings at this time, but talks are continuing at the highest level.

Government has appointed a new chief negotiator for the employer team – Sarah Anthony, Staff Relations Specialist with the Human Resources Secretariat. As well, due to Paulette Colbourne's retirement in June, Christina Pike, principal of Macdonald Drive Junior High in St. John's and provincial SAC President, has been appointed to join the NLTA negotiating team.

We will keep you advised of any significant developments or progress in negotiations through subsequent Bargaining Briefs and other communications as necessary.