



## **Member Advisory**

April 1, 2020

NLTA members are advised that the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) has approached the NLTA regarding issues government is experiencing in ensuring the availability of childcare services for school-aged children of essential workers such as nurses, police officers and correctional officers. During this current public health emergency, government's goal is to assist these workers and thereby ensure the continued provision of essential services for all residents of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Association is actively monitoring developments in this area from other jurisdictions and we are well aware of decisions recently made in British Columbia in addressing the same issue.

While the NLTA has agreed to discuss possible options with government, the Association's position is that the first and best solution is to provide childcare in the home or in established childcare facilities. Any option that involves the use of schools and any possible participation by teachers or school administrators must be voluntary for NLTA members, be subject to a binding agreement between all parties, and must respect that teachers and administrators currently have duties for which they are responsible.

The Association will inform members of any new information on this issue as soon as possible.