

Media Statement from NLTA President Dean Ingram re K-12 Education Announcement

July 6, 2020

At 2:00 p.m. today, NLTA President Dean Ingram provided a media statement outlining some of your Association's concerns with the recently announced K-12 Education Re-entry Plan and responded to questions from the media. As members would be aware from previous updates, today's media statement did not contain references to all NLTA issues regarding a plan for return to school under continued public health directives. It is not always possible or advisable during a timed media session to cover too much information, some of which can be difficult for non-educators to appreciate without the time to provide a more detailed explanation. However, rest assured that all of these issues will continue to be the subject of ongoing NLTA advocacy efforts.

At 11:00 a.m. this morning, the President was contacted by Premier Dwight Ball, who assured him that the Association would continue to be involved in discussions on the Re-entry Plan implementation, and would be provided an opportunity to meet with the Chief Medical Officer of Health to discuss our concerns and seek clarification on public health guidance for schools.

Following that conversation, senior Department of Education and Early Childhood Development officials reconfirmed that the NLTA would have meaningful engagement on Plan implementation.

The K-12 Education Re-entry Plan is provided below, along with President Ingram's media statement. We are working to provide a copy of the entire media conference and hope to have that available for members this evening or tomorrow morning. Now that the Association has received government's Plan, an emergency meeting of Provincial Executive is being organized as well as a special meeting of all available Branch Presidents, and meetings with all affected Special Interest Councils. Details of these plans will be communicated as soon as they are available.

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