



# Bargaining

# Brief

August 19, 2021

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. This communiqué is a follow up to the June 30, 2021 Bargaining Brief.

The date to commence negotiations for a new Labrador West Collective Agreement with an exchange of opening proposals has now been confirmed for Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Dates have not yet been confirmed for further bargaining sessions.

As per Association policy, once opening proposals have been exchanged, the NLTA must present both the Association's and government's opening packages to members. Due to continued COVID-19 restrictions, and in the interests of protecting all members by avoiding in-person gatherings when possible, this information will be shared virtually. Further details on this will follow after August 31.

The NLTA negotiating team members for Labrador West bargaining are as follows:

- **Amanda Downey** (Chair) – President, Labrador West Branch Instructional Resource Teacher, J.R. Smallwood Middle School
- **John Veitch** – NLTA Administrative Officer, Chief Negotiator
- **Trudy Noel** – French, Menihek High School
- **Matt White** – Junior High Social Studies, Grade 8 Science, Menihek High School
- **Sandy Crowley** – Speech Language Pathologist, District Office
- **Mike Barry** – Physical Education, J. R. Smallwood Middle School
- **Vanessa Wall** – Physical Education, A. P. Low Primary School

For your reference, the current members of the government negotiating team are:

- **Brian Miller** (Chief Negotiator) – Senior Advisor, Labour Relations
- **Guy Elliott** – NLESD Trustee
- **John George** – NLESD Trustee
- **Ed Walsh** – NLESD Associate Director
- **Kim Christianson** – CSFP Directrice Générale
- **Tracy Stamp** – Comptroller, Department of Education
- **Sheldon Antle** – Registrar of Teachers, Department of Education

The Labrador West Collective Agreement expired on August 31, 2020. Pursuant to Article 3 of the Labrador West Collective Agreement, the Agreement in place remains in full force and effect until such time as a new contract is negotiated.

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