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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. This communiqué is a follow up to the communication on November 10, 2021.

Opening proposals for a new Labrador West Collective Agreement were exchanged on August 31, 2021. Since then, negotiation sessions have proceeded on November 1–3, November 15-17 and December 9-10 and 13, 2021. Although there have been no formal negotiations sessions since then, discussions with government officials have continued.

A number of sets of proposals have been exchanged between the NLTA and the employer negotiating teams. While there have been some productive discussions on certain contract language issues, government still remains committed to template bargaining to this point. Your negotiating team is standing firm and working hard on behalf of all members.

As was communicated in previous Bargaining Briefs, copies of the joint opening proposals have been sent to all schools and a video presentation on the opening package from each side is available on the NLTA website through this link.

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.

There have been several reports made to the NLTA office and negotiating team members regarding speculation that certain aspects of a new Collective Agreement have been agreed upon with government. This is not the case and is only speculation. We will advise members regarding the progress of negotiations as appropriate through Bargaining Briefs, special communications from the President, emails and the NLTA website.