NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION RELEASE

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NLTA LAUNCHES ELECTION ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVES

With a provincial election underway, the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association is calling on all parties and candidates to demonstrate a real commitment to the future of public education in this province.

Election Bulletin

The NLTA has published an Election Bulletin outlining the key challenges facing educators and the K-12 public education system. The Bulletin includes questions on teacher recruitment and retention, classroom complexity, student supports, and school violence. Party leaders were invited to respond in writing, and their answers are available here.

Letter-Writing Campaign

The Association is also urging members and the public to hold candidates accountable through a province-wide letter-writing campaign. The form letter highlights the urgent need for investments in public education and calls on candidates to clearly state how they will support students, teachers, and school communities. Voters can send the letter directly to candidates in their district by visiting https://my.nlta.ca/InvestKids

Leaders Forum on Education Cancelled

The NLTA had also planned to host its traditional Leaders Forum on Education this week. Unfortunately, the event cannot proceed as not all party leaders confirmed their attendance. Only the Leader of the New Democratic Party confirmed participation. The Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party agreed to attend only if all leaders took part, while the Leader of the Liberal Party declined the invitation.

"It is extremely disappointing that the leaders have chosen not to share their vision for the future of education directly with educators, parents, and the public," said Dale Lambe, President of the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association. "As education is the foundation of the future of this province, Newfoundlanders and Labradorians deserve to know who is willing to stand before the public and demonstrate a real commitment to public education. We encourage members and the public to use our Bulletin and letter writing campaign to stay informed and ask tough questions leading up to October 14."