

Year-End Message

from the
CEO/Director of Education

To Our Exceptional Staff:

The 2015-2016 school year is coming to a close and it has been a remarkably successful year for our students and schools. I say this often but, it never ceases to amaze me what our students and school communities can accomplish and every year, when I reflect on the year that was, I am truly impressed. From personal accomplishments to school successes and inspiring student-led initiatives, the students of Newfoundland and Labrador have accomplished so much this year. And while their abilities and dedication have played a significant role in these successes, I want to thank each and every employee of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District for ensuring our students are provided an environment where education is valued and achievement encouraged.

I always say there is no profession in the world like teaching. Those who choose to become an educator have something special about them; a unique quality centered on the desire to help and a passion for learning. Although it is the teachers who are in the classroom with students each and every day, it truly takes an entire team to help students and schools become successful. It takes the secretary who helps students, parents/guardians and visitors alike, the janitorial and custodial staff who take pride in their building, along with the student assistants who provide invaluable extra care and the bus drivers who are often the first school-related person a student sees and who welcomes them to their academic day. Without this team working together – working for students – we would never be able to provide the caring and nurturing learning environments we do each day.

While no doubt there have been challenging days, and more remain ahead as we plan for the new year, I know the dedication of our school teams will continue and our students will succeed, both personally and academically. Many times this year I have spoken of hope and confidence and our ability to ensure these two feelings are present in every student. Even as we approach our summer break, let's keep hope and confidence ever-present in our thoughts and our approach for 2016-2017.

As you get ready for your much deserved break, let's also have hope and confidence that we receive some true summer weather for us all to enjoy – no matter how it is we choose to do so. Regardless of your formal plans for this summer, I truly hope you have the opportunity to relax and enjoy activities of interest to you. It is certainly well deserved.

All the best for a great summer break and I look forward to continuing our great work in September!

Regards,


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