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Board Chair Issues Statement Regarding Tragedy in Quebec City

Goronwy Price, Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District, issued the following statement regarding the recent shooting in Quebec City.

“The shocking events of last night are certainly a reminder that fear and hatred, through a lack of education and understanding, can lead to tragedy within our communities. Throughout our great nation people of all backgrounds and faith join with the people of Quebec City, and indeed Muslims throughout Canada, in offering our support, love and assistance. Ours is a nation of acceptance, where we welcome individuals from around the globe to enjoy the freedom and liberties we have as Canadians, the luckiest and most blessed people on Earth.

As educators, it is our duty to ensure that while we teach about the tragic events that have unfolded, we must emphasize the values we share as Canadians and also inform our students of the pluralism of our nation, where every individual has the right to feel welcome and safe and is provided the opportunity to learn and grow.

On behalf of everyone associated with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District, I offer our heartfelt condolences to the loved ones, friends, and family of those who lost their lives, were injured, or witnessed the horrific events that occurred at the Centre Culturel Islamique de Quebec. We stand with you as one people, one community, and one nation.”

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