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Board Chair Congratulates Educators on Prestigious Awards

Goronwy Price, Chair of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board, today extended congratulations to two teachers in the province who have received one of the highest honours in the country. The Prime Minister's Awards for Teaching Excellence and Teaching Excellence in STEM have been awarded annually to exceptional elementary and secondary school teachers in all disciplines since 1994.

"This year, I am pleased to acknowledge Ashleigh Hudson and Paul King for their dedication and commitment to our students, as well as for their innovative approaches to education," said Mr. Price. "This school year has been unlike any before. The tools these educators use in their classroom: innovation, problem solving, critical thinking - not just thinking outside the box, but truly deconstructing it - are the tools students and teachers need to help re-imagine education and move ourselves forward in our new realities."

Grade 4 <u>Vanier Elementary</u> French Immersion teacher Ashleigh Hudson has been named a recipient of the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence (Certificate of Excellence). Ms. Hudson uses a multi-modal learning approach to help students grasp important concepts in a variety of different subject areas, including math, technology, science and literacy. More information on Ms. Hudson's award <u>is available here</u>.

Mt. Pearl Senior High physics and science teacher Paul King has received the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in STEM (Certificate of Achievement). Mr. King is a dedicated driver of the school's efforts in robotics and encourages project-based approaches to help students think critically about the world around them. Mr. King is credited with encouraging many of his students to continue to explore STEM subjects in their post-secondary pursuits. More information on Mr. King's award is available here.

"On behalf of the District's Board of Trustees, I congratulate Mr. Hudson and Mr. King for the example they set for their students and their community," Mr. Price said. "These awards demonstrate how Newfoundland and Labrador educators are among the best in the country and we are grateful for their continued focus on our province's young learners."

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District serves over 63,000 students and 8,000 employees at more than 250 schools throughout the province.

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