

MEMO

To: All School District Employees

From: Lorne Wheeler, Chair of the Provincial School Board Transition Committee

Subject: Senior Staff Appointments – Newfoundland and Labrador English School District

On behalf of the Provincial School Board Transition Committee I am pleased to advise that effective September 1, 2013, the following individuals have been appointed to senior staff positions with the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District:

Jeff Thompson – Associate Director of Education (St. John’s Provincial Office)

Mr. Thompson has 26 years of experience in education in Newfoundland and Labrador. With the Labrador School District he held the positions of Program Specialist, Assistant Director of Education (Programs) and CEO/Director of Education. Since 2004 he has been the Assistant Director of Education (Programs) with the Western School District. Mr. Thompson educational qualifications include a B.Sc., B.Ed, M.Ed. (Curriculum and Instruction) and he is also pursuing a PhD.

Gerald Buffett – Assistant Director of Education (Human Resources) (St. John’s Provincial Office)

Mr. Buffett has 24 years of teaching, administrative and executive level experience with the Nova Central School District. He has held the positions of Senior Education Officer (Programs) and Senior Education Officer (Human Resources) and is currently the Assistant Director of Education (Human Resources). Mr. Buffett’s educational qualifications include a B.Ed, B. Sp.Ed, and M.Ed. (Educational Leadership).

Larry Blanchard – Assistant Director of Finance (St. John’s Provincial Office)

Mr. Blanchard has 17 years of experience in the public and private sector in Newfoundland and Labrador. Mr. Blanchard is currently the Assistant Director of Education (Finance and Administration) with the Eastern School District. His educational qualifications include a B.Comm (Co-Op) and a Chartered Account designation from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Newfoundland.

Tony Stack – Assistant Director of Operations (St. John’s Provincial Office)

Mr. Stack has 28 years of experience as a teacher, Vice-Principal, Principal, Senior Education Officer and is currently the Assistant Director of Education (Programs) with the Eastern School District. Mr. Stack has also held numerous leadership positions with the Canadian Forces Reserve such as military engineer and Commander of Land Force Atlantic Area. Mr. Stack’s educational qualifications include a B.Sc, B.Ed and M.Ed. (Leadership).

Fiona Frawley – Assistant Director of Education (Labrador Regional Office)

Ms. Frawley has 27 years of experience in the Labrador School District where she held the positions of teacher, Departmental Head, Vice-Principal and Program Specialist and is currently the Assistant Director of Education (Programs). Ms. Frawley’s educational qualifications include a BA, B.Ed and a M.Ed. (Literacy Education).

George Keeping – Assistant Director of Education (Corner Brook Regional Office)

Mr. Keeping has been a part of the Western School District since 2004 where he has held the positions of Program Specialist and Education Officer and is currently the Assistant Director of Education (Human Resources). Mr. Keeping's educational qualifications include a B.Ed and B.PE and M.Ed. (Education Leadership) and he is also pursuing Ed. D from University of Calgary.

Bronson Collins – Assistant Director of Education (Gander Regional Office)

Mr. Collins has 25 years of experience working in the Nova Central School District as a teacher, Vice-Principal and Principal and is currently a Senior Education Officer. Mr. Collins' educational qualifications include a B.A, B.Ed and M.Ed. (Educational Management).

Lucy Warren – Assistant Director of Education (St. John's Regional Office)

Ms. Warren has 24 years of experience in the Nova Central School District as teacher, Vice-Principal, Principal and Program Specialist and is currently Assistant Director of Education (Programs). Ms. Warren's educational qualifications include a B.A., B.Ed and M.Ed (Literacy Education).

Please join me in congratulating these qualified individuals on their appointments and wishing them well in their new roles.

Sincerely,

Lorne Wheeler
Chair
Provincial School Board Transition Committee