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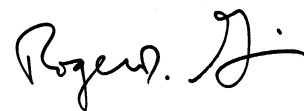
# A Message from the Minister



If an education system is to thrive and succeed, it is essential that we know whether its programs and services are appropriate to the needs of its learners, and whether they reflect a standard comparable to that of other systems, local, national and international, that offer the same services. As well, we need to know if the system is operating effectively within the societal and organizational framework in which it exists. In other words, educators, students and society at large must know if the goals of the Newfoundland and Labrador education system are being achieved and if these goals are current and appropriate to today's changing needs. The only way to know if the best level of service and programming is being achieved is by measuring, monitoring and evaluating.

*Postsecondary Indicators '98* is one of the means by which the Department of Education informs educators, administrators and the public about the extent to which the higher education system is achieving its goals. This second edition focuses on the performance of the system in graduating and certifying students but also highlights participation, labour market success and student and public satisfaction with postsecondary education.

I am pleased to present this report as continuing evidence of Government's commitment to public accountability in education.



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Minister of Education

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