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A Message from the Minister



I am pleased to release the report *Education Statistics - Elementary-Secondary 2002-03*. This report provides relevant and timely information on developing trends in education in Newfoundland and Labrador. This edition represents the 18th year of publication of this report.

Contained in this report are statistics related to student enrolment, student participation and achievement, and educational finances. These statistics may be used by educators, parents and anyone who has an interest in education for research, planning and reporting.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerry Reid". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gerry Reid, M.H.A.

Minister of Education

Forward

Education Statistics - Elementary - Secondary, 2002-2003 is an annual publication that is part of the Department of Education's commitment to accountability and quality reporting. This Report provides a layer of statistical detail to the Department's annual reporting by addressing the most frequently requested information on the elementary and secondary education.

With regard to the tables found in this Report, it is important to note the following:

- All enrolment information was recorded on September 30, 2002.
- Teacher figures are full-time equivalents (FTEs), which have been rounded to the nearest whole number.
- In this document "teacher" is a generic term and refers to regular classroom teachers, principals, vice-principals, guidance counsellors, special services personnel, itinerant teachers and other school-based educators.
- Administrators include directors, assistant directors and program specialists.
- Unless otherwise cited, information sources are the Department of Education databases.
- This document is available online. It may be viewed or downloaded at <http://www.gov.nf.ca/edu/> under "Publications".

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