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## Foreword

***Education Statistics - Elementary - Secondary, 2008-09*** is an annual publication that is part of the Department of Education's commitment to accountability and high quality reporting. It provides 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, 2008.
- 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.
- For reporting purposes, enrolment, educator, and achievement information for the years prior to 2005-06 have been combined to represent the consolidation of the school districts from eleven to five.
- This document is available online. It may be viewed or downloaded at <http://www.ed.gov.nl.ca/edu/pub.htm>

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