



# A Message from Member Services

## Members appointed to Marking & Prep committee

At the July 3 provincial executive meeting, NSTU executive director Joan Ling was empowered to appoint two executive staff members and one NSTU member to the Marking and Preparation Time Committee. Staff officers Jack MacLeod (member services) and Debbie McIsaac (professional initiatives), along with NSTU member Terrence Doucette (administrator, Queens Local) were named to the committee.

This committee was borne out of the Letter of Understanding for Article 59. (Marking & Preparation Time) in the current Teachers' Provincial Agreement. The Letter of Understanding requires the NSTU to appoint three representatives, and the Employer to appoint three representatives. The Committee is examining ways of scheduling marking and preparation time for teachers in schools where some or all courses are semestered, and are to make recommendations to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (ECD) no later than December 31, 2013.

The time sensitivity for the committee ties into the requirement in Article 59.02, Marking and Preparation Time that states: "effective August 1, 2014, a minimum of ten (10) percent of instructional time shall be provided to each teacher for marking and preparation ..."

The ECD representatives are: Denise Bell, ECD Regional Education Officer, Strait Regional School Board Director of Human Resources Sherman England and Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board Director of Human Resources Beth McIsaac.

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