

Education Matters

Progress Update
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Education Transition Committee

As a result of the recent announcement of a single English School Board, an Education Transition Committee, which includes representatives from the Department, the Eastern School District and the Western School Board, has been established to oversee the transition of this new entity.

Implementing these changes will require thoughtful planning and coordination in a short time frame in order to ensure a new structure is in place by September 2012. While we understand change can be difficult, every decision made during this process will support our goal of enhanced student achievement and bring organizational efficiencies.

Teachers, administrators and staff have always been an integral part of our school system and moving forward, we need to continue to work together with a common goal to improve student achievement.

Communication

We understand communication is important throughout the transition process and we are committed to providing regular updates to staff of the Department, School Boards and Educators throughout this process. This past week, the committee met for the first time to discuss roles and responsibilities of the committee and to draft initial action plans.

Committees

Education Transition Committee members include:

- Alex Sandy MacDonald, Deputy Minister of the Department of Education and Early Childhood and Development (EECD)
- Imelda Arsenault, Acting Senior Director of Learning and Early Childhood Development, Department of EECD
- Terry Keefe, Senior Director of Administration of Corporate Services, Department of EECD
- Tanya Tynski, Manager of Human Resources, Department of EECD
- Laura Steeves, Communications Coordinator, Department of EECD
- Jane McMillan, Superintendent for the Western School Board
- Ricky Hood, Superintendent for the Eastern School District
- Ron MacLeod, HRA

On a go forward basis, it may be necessary to bring other people to the table to make decisions regarding specific areas. As a result of the first meeting, the committee established the following sub committees, which will meet on a regular basis and provide updates back to the overall Education Transition Committee.

A Financial Transition Team was established to identify issues related to the financial impacts of transitioning to a new school board.

- Terry Keefe, Department of EECD
- John Cummings, Eastern School District
- Dave Gillis, Western School Board
- Gordon MacFadyen, Department of EECD

A Human Resources Transition Team was put in place to identify issues pertaining to staffing and staffing processes with establishing a new structure.

- Tanya Tynski, Department of EECD
- Yvette Blanchard, Eastern School District
- Ron Taweel, Western School Board
- Paula Annear-Collings, Eastern School District
- Dave Gillis, Western School Board

Department Organization Transition Team will deal with issues related to the transition of a new organizational structure for the department.

- Terry Keefe, Department of EECD
- Imelda Arsenault, Department of EECD
- Tanya Tynski, Department of EECD

Others will be brought in as needed.

Further Updates

This is the first of many updates that will be provided throughout the process.

We will send further updates as information becomes available.

Updates from the committee will also be available at:
www.edu.pe.ca