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Dear Staff:

As we are making our way through this school year, I once again thank you for the work you do. I am continually impressed by the compassion, dedication, and skill you use to work through the challenges and difficulties you face in your jobs. You always keep the best interest of students in the forefront.

Today, I would like to provide an update on the progress we have made in several areas.

Legislation

I am pleased to let you know that in the House of Assembly this week, Minister Krista Lynn Howell, brought forward legislation to make changes to the Schools Act, 1997.

These changes will allow for the full integration of the NLES defence into government by December 31, 2023. More information on this is available at:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/releases/2023/education/1025n01/>.

Branding

I am excited to announce that schools currently operating under the NLES defence will operate under the new banner of NLSchools. Employees who will be working with the Department of Education, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, and Public Procurement Agency, and those who are working in schools around the province will be part of the NLSchools system.

To go along with the new name, we have a new logo. I have inserted the logo at the end of this letter. To pay homage to the important work you have all done to date, you will notice the colour scheme, as well as the familiar apple, remain. They are teamed with more bold lettering as we look forward to significant advancements we will make together for the benefit of our students.

In the New Year, you will see this new brand introduced on our buses, uniforms, and buildings.

In addition, we will update the NLES defence website to reflect the new name. A new site under the URL www.nlschools.ca will be launched at the end of the year. A redirect will be in place to ensure references to the existing www.nlesd.ca address will be pointed to the new site.

Technology Update

Email addresses will be phased-in to the new email domain @nlschools.ca beginning in the New Year. Users should not experience any interruption to their email service. The system will be configured to allow you to send and receive from the new email as well as your current NLESĐ email until a full conversion is complete in 2025. Email address prefixes will remain the same, for example, yourname@nlesd.ca will become yourname@nlschools.ca.

NLESĐ staff will use the same applications and systems they are now using. Staff working directly with or supporting NLSchools will continue to use the Google platform.

You can find more information on the Department of Education's integration information webpage <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/integration/>.

I also encourage you to continue to provide us your questions, comments and suggestions. You can do this by talking to your supervisor or by connecting with the transition team by email at integrationfeedback@gov.nl.ca.

Thank you once again and I look forward to connecting with you again soon.

Sincerely yours,



TRACY KING
Deputy Minister

New Logo

