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Dear Staff:

It is hard to believe we are already in the third week of the new school year. It is wonderful to see students and teachers back in the classroom. Minister Howell has visited a number of schools so far this year, and plans to visit as many as possible in the coming months.

Work on the integration of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District continues. We are focused on a seamless transition so that our students and staff feel no negative impact in our schools.

We have heard that many folks in the St. John's metro area who will be moving to government offices are eager to hear more about the move. We are working closely with our colleagues in the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure, who are project leads on the move. Many details are still being worked out, but in keeping with my commitment to provide you with as much information as I can as soon as I can, I am pleased to be able to give you an update on the timeframe for the physical move.

Those who are assigned to move workspaces to the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure at the Confederation Building and the Public Procurement Agency on Strawberry Marsh Road will do so in January. Staff working in information technology will be employees of the Department of Education, but will be working from the Office of the Chief Information Officer on Higgins Line. You will move to your new location in January, as well. Should there be opportunity to move sooner, we will communicate that information to those involved, as soon as possible.

We are taking a phased approach to staff moves for those joining us at the Department of Education. We want to be mindful of your workflow and create a smooth transition. These moves will begin in late spring and continue throughout the summer. Specific details will be shared as we move through the process.

I understand that with fewer than 100 days to integration, there are a lot of questions that you would like to have answered. As the Integration Team works on final details, we will be sharing more information through the integration page on the Department of Education website (<https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/integration/>). We will provide you with notice of the information when it is added. Of course, this will be in addition to our regularly monthly updates.

There is always opportunity to provide us your questions, comments and suggestions. You can do this by talking to your manager or by connecting with the integration team by email at integrationfeedback@gov.nl.ca.

Thank you once again for your support and cooperation as we move through the integration process.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. King".

TRACY KING
Deputy Minister