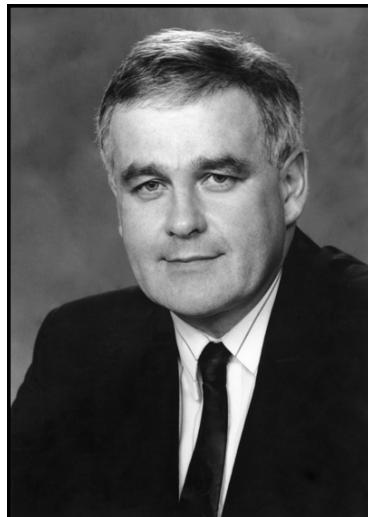

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A Message from the Minister



For the past 20 years, the Department of Education has published *Education Statistics*. We do this to ensure the people of this province have access to timely, accurate information about our education system.

Parents, researchers and educational stakeholders will find the information contained in these pages very informative. Many of the charts present data from the past three years or more, allowing comparisons to be made in such areas as course offerings, enrolment and graduation rates.

This resource - and all others published by the Department of Education - are available on our Web site at <http://www.gov.nl.ca/edu/pub.htm>.

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John Ottenheimer
Minister of Education

Foreword

Education Statistics - Elementary - Secondary, 2003-2004 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, 2003.
- 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.
- This document is available online. It may be viewed or downloaded at <http://www.gov.nf.ca/edu/> under "Publications".

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