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News Release

NLSBA Congratulates Successful Candidates in 2009 School Board Elections

The Newfoundland and Labrador School Board Association (NLSBA) is congratulating the successful candidates in the 2009 School Board Elections held on November 3, 2009.

The 2009 School Board Elections were held in four school districts – Eastern, Nova Central, Western and Labrador – with each board having 15 trustee positions. Following the nomination period October 2-8, 2009, a total of 99 nominations were filed for the 60 positions available, including 24 female candidates.

“I want to thank all of the candidates who offered themselves for election,” said Don Brown, NLSBA President. “These are truly voluntary positions that require a strong commitment and these candidates have demonstrated their interest in our public education system. They should be commended. I congratulate all those who have been elected and we look forward to working with all of the incumbent and new board members as we move forward to strengthen the education system in this province.”

As a result of the November 3 elections, 55 trustee positions of the 60 available have been filled. As per the legislation guiding the School Board Elections, the remaining five positions will be appointed by the Minister of Education. The list of trustees by school district is attached in the Backgrounder and is available at www.makethedifference.ca.

Brian Shortall, NLSBA Executive Director, expressed disappointment with the voter turnout. The overall voter turnout by district is:

- Eastern District – 1.9%
- Nova Central – 6.5%
- Western – 12%
- Labrador – 6%

“For the 2009 School Board Elections we did set out to create more awareness of the School Board Elections by changing the date to later in the school year and investing in a communications and

advertising strategy,” said Mr. Shortall. “While I believe the awareness was raised, we just did not see the results for voter turnout election day that we wanted to realize. There could be any number of reasons for that. The challenge ahead is to find out how we can make changes in the future so that we do have a better level of public engagement in our School Board Elections.”

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BACKGROUNDER

Eastern School District Board of Trustees

Zone	# of Trustees	Trustees	Status
1	1	Lloyd Cumben	Acclamation
2	1	Fred G. Douglas	Acclamation
3	1	Rick Martin	Acclamation
4	1	Anne-Marie Furlong	Acclamation
5	1	James J. Hearn	Acclamation
6	1	Milton Peach	Acclamation
7	1	Eric A. Snow	Elected
8	1	Desmond Linehan Sr.	Acclamation
9	1	Christopher P. Hammond	Elected
10	1	Derek Winsor	Elected
11	1	George Joyce	Elected
12	1	Darrin F. Feehan	Elected
13	1	Kenneth Best	Elected
14	1	John McCarthy	Elected
15	1	George Sheppard	Elected

Nova Central School Board of Trustees

Zone	# of Trustees	Trustees	Status
1	1	Rochelle Lane	Acclamation
2	1	Hardy Sparkes	Elected
3	2	Thomas Kendell Elaine Gilbert	Acclamation
4	2	Norris Hemeon Michael Thomas	Acclamation
5	2	Hubert Langdon John George	Acclamation
6	1	George Tiller	Acclamation
7	1	Newman Harris	Acclamation
8	1	Vacant	Vacant
9	1	Vacant	Vacant
10	1	David Oxford	Acclamation
11	2	Kim Cheeks Kerry Noble	Acclamation

Western School District Board of Trustees

Zone	# of Trustees	Trustees	Status
1	1	Dennis Normore	Elected
2	1	Scott Burden	Elected
3	1	Donald Brown	Acclamation
4	2	Chris Aubert Donna Keough	Elected
5	5	Nada Borden B. Paul Wilson June Alteen J. Robert Barrett Carl Barrett	Elected
6	3	Brian Foley Wayne Lee	Acclamation 1 Vacancy
7	2	Samuel Fiander Lloyd Mushrow	Acclamation

Labrador School District Board of Trustees

Zone	# of Trustees	Trustees	Status
1	5	Glenn Andrews Guy Elliott Kenneth Lawlor Heather Leriche Damian Power	Acclamation
2	5	Bernard Bolger Patricia Loder Sam Mansfield Goronwy Price Keith Watts	Elected
3	1	No Nominations	Vacancy
4	1	No Nominations	Vacancy
5	1	April Martin	Acclamation
6	1	Jessie Bird-Pardy	Acclamation
7	1	Joan Goudie	Elected