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The Council of Atlantic Ministers of Education and Training Created

Hon. Margaret-Ann Blaney, NB Minister of Training and Employment Development, Hon. Madeleine Dubé, NB Minister of Education, Hon. John Ottenheimer, NL Minister of Education, Hon. Jamie Muir, NS Minister of Education, and Hon. Mildred Dover, PEI Minister of Education, are pleased to announce the establishment of the Council of Atlantic Ministers of Education and Training (CAME'T). The new Council will promote regional cooperation in all areas of education and training and will replace the Atlantic Provinces Education Foundation (APEF).

In establishing CAME'T, ministers of education and training are committed to further enhance the level of cooperation in public and post-secondary education by working on common issues to improve learning for all Atlantic Canadians, optimize efficiencies and bring added value to provincial initiatives and priorities.

CAME'T will also play a key role in establishing joint positions on national education issues and on matters pertaining to federal government involvement and funding. Ministers recognize that CAME'T will provide them with an opportunity to advise the Council of Atlantic Premiers (CAP) on education and training matters of mutual interest.

Ministers of education and training have identified three major areas of cooperation with the intent of supporting learning in Atlantic Canada. These areas of cooperation include improving student achievement; program implementation support to assist teachers with curriculum delivery and help students with their learning; and post-secondary education.

Ministers of education and training will sign a memorandum of understanding setting the mandate and the governance structure of the new organization. CAME'T is an agency of the Council of Atlantic Premiers and will be supported by the CAP secretariat.

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