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In accordance with Association policy, regular communication will be provided to NLTA members by way of periodic updates on the status of the collective bargaining process.

In the last update, issued on October 2, 2018, we reported that in June 2018, negotiations had been elevated to the level of discussions between NLTA President, Dean Ingram and the Minister of Finance, Tom Osborne. The NLTA Provincial Negotiating Team met at that time and have been kept informed as talks have continued at the highest level. There have been further talks over the fall, including several meetings between the chief negotiator for the Association, Assistant Executive Director, Stefanie Tuff, and Minister Osborne's

Assistant Deputy Minister (Labour Relations), Elizabeth Lane. There is ongoing focus on some significant issues tied to government's financial "template" positions. A meeting is planned for the week of December 17-21 involving NLTA Executive Director, Steve Brooks and Deputy Minister, Robert Simmons.

While talks continue at the highest level, plans have been made for your negotiating team to meet during the week of January 7-11 in St. John's, and they remain committed to achieving the best deal possible for a new collective agreement for teachers.

We will keep you advised of any significant developments or progress in negotiations through subsequent Bargaining Briefs and other communications as necessary.