

## Department of Education & Economic Development

### Director of Education Update

March 2025

#### Current Students

The Winter semester has begun and we currently have **241 students** enrolled in post-secondary studies and being supported by the NG Education Division Funding Program. 185 are being supported full-time and 56 are receiving part-time benefits.

In addition to these numbers, we are supporting **6 ABE** students at our Learning Centers in Nain and Hopedale. We are also supporting **1** beneficiary under our Work Experience Program.

The application deadline for the fall semester was March 1<sup>st</sup> however beneficiaries can still submit applications and we encourage them to do so. We have approximately 75-80 on time applications for the fall semester.

#### Teacher Shortage

We are continuing to monitor the teacher shortage situation and are working with the Labrador office to find solutions to this nation-wide problem. We are currently also exploring our options for the possible delivery of a teacher training program in Labrador and hope to have some progress made over the next several months.

#### Career Trips

The call has gone out for interested Grade 11 students from Nunatsiavut and ULM who are interested in participating in the Grade 11 Career Trip. This year the group will be traveling to Halifax with plans to visit post-secondary institutions in the area as well as get a taste of city life. 13 students have been selected from Nain, Hopedale, Makkovik, and Upper Lake Melville. There were no applicants from Postville or Rigolet despite reminders being sent out. Students and chaperones are scheduled to explore Halifax from March 17-21, 2025.

#### Inuit Nunangat University

The location of the university will see a **main campus** in one of the four Inuit regions, with a smaller, satellite campus in each of the remaining regions. Work is underway to gather all of the information that will be required for leaders to make the decisions regarding locations of all four sites.

There is currently an Expression of Interest out where interested groups/municipalities can complete a survey to provide information about their community as a possible location for the **main campus**. The survey can be found on the ITK website or you can contact our Director for the link.