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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **CEO/Director of Education Granted Leave of Absence**

*(July 27, 2007, St. John's, NL)* Today, Mr. Milton Peach, Chair, Eastern School Board, announced on behalf of the Board of Trustees that Dr. Darin King, CEO/Director of Education has been granted a leave of absence until October 9, 2007 to allow him an opportunity to become a candidate in the upcoming provincial election.

“The Board felt it was appropriate at this time to grant a leave of absence. It leaves the door open for Dr. King’s return should his political attempt be unsuccessful,” says Peach. “This action is consistent with a practice that was previously followed by a school district in this province.”

Effective immediately, the Board has announced the appointment of Mr. Darrin Pike as acting CEO/Director of Education. Mr. Pike is currently the Assistant Director of Education (Programs) and has vast leadership experience at the school, district and provincial government levels.

The Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring that the education needs of students in the Eastern School District will continue to be its first priority.

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