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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Eastern School Board Announces New CEO**

(*St. John's, NL*) Mr. Milton Peach, Chair, Eastern School Board, today announced the appointment of Mr. Darrin Pike as the new CEO/Director of Education for the Eastern School District. Mr. Pike has been the acting CEO since August 1, 2007. He replaces Dr. Darin King who resigned from the CEO position in July 2007 to pursue a career in provincial politics.

Prior to this most recent appointment, Mr. Pike held the position of Assistant Director of Education (Programs) with the Eastern School District from August 2005 to August 2007. In his 17-year career in education, he has also held a number of leadership positions, including Director of the Provincial Centre for Distance Learning and Innovation (CDLI), principal, vice-principal and program specialist. He has a Masters of Education degree from Memorial University with a concentration in Teaching and Learning.

Mr. Peach, in making the announcement stated, "Mr. Pike has done a stellar job as acting CEO over the past six months and has demonstrated his strong leadership abilities and dedication to the District time and again. The Board is confident that Mr. Pike has a clear understanding of the challenges that face our District and shares the Board's vision of creating a culture of opportunity and excellence for students in our urban and rural schools."

The Board conducted a nation-wide search for a new CEO in December 2007. Mr. Pike's appointment is effective immediately.